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One step
away from
super
leagues?

By
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The formation of State-based super leagues is closer than ever before, following the NSL's decision to reduce its competition from 24 to 14 teams in 1987.

So says Alf Zahra, president of Sunshine-George Cross.

"There will be a lot of backroom meetings during the season," he said.

"By the half-way stage of the season, it will be obvious which teams won't be included among the 14. If, say, Makedonia and Hellas were to go down, a Victorian super league almost certainly would start in 1987."

Zahra maintains the concept and the guidelines for a 14-team league are ill-conceived.

He said clubs will get a nasty shock when they become aware of some of the harsh financial implications of playing in a 14-team league.

"If we make it to 1987, how many clubs will survive from then on?" he asks.

"At the moment, in the Southern Division of the NSL, we have seven of our 11 home games against other Melbourne clubs, which brings us their supporters. The remaining four games are against Adelaide and Brisbane clubs, and so we have to rely only on our own supporters."

"Now, if, say, six Victorian teams get into the 14-team league next year, then each of them will have only five home games against other Victorian teams."

"The other eight home games will be against clubs from interstate that do not bring fans with them."

"And so we will be relying for our survival on five games a year."

Zahra says an average club outlay on players' and coaches' wages, masseurs and equipment is about \$175,000 a year.

To make that through the gate, you need 2692 paying



Alf Zahra

spectators at each of your 13 home games. If, for argument's sake, your crowd goes down to 1000 for games against, for example, Adelaide City, St. George Budapest, Sydney Hakoah and APIA, your total for each of the other games would have to be 3436 to make ends meet.

And history shows us that only South Melbourne Hellas, Sydney Olympic and Sydney Croatia could feel relatively confident of achieving that target — but only if they are winning.

Zahra acknowledges that no club balances its books solely through the gate, and that Sydney teams are subsidised by social clubs.

But he warns of further dangers built into the guidelines for the 14-team competition.

"The bottom two clubs are to be relegated every year, and replaced by the NSW State League champion, and by the winner of a play-off series between the Victorian, South Australian and Queensland State League champions," Zahra said.

"If Victoria, South Australian and Queensland sides are relegated every year, we could eventually have nothing but NSW clubs in the NSL."

"In the past two years, when the Victorian State League had the chance of having one of its teams promoted, everyone who was eligible declined. Who's to say that won't continue to happen?"

Zahra's main point however, is that no matter how you look at it, Australia has only a limited number of clubs with the tradition, and support even to be considered for a national league.

Anyone in soccer can list them — the Hellas, Juventus, Marconi, Heidelberg, the Croatias, George Cross, APIA, Olympic, St. George, Makedonia.

"You can never bring up sides to take their places. We simply don't have clubs that can replace them. That's just the way it is."

That's why Zahra doesn't agree with the criteria to be applied for membership of the 14-team league.

"You have past performances counting for 40 per-

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IN SYDNEY:
Syd Croatia v. Inter Monaro



Left: Zelko Jurin (Sydney Croatia). Right: Peter Tsolakis (Heidelberg)

IN MELBOURNE:
Melb Croatia v. H'berg Alexander

COLLISION COURSE

Two Croatias set to clash



Melbourne Croatia's brilliant full-back, Drago Deankovic.

First round Cup draw

The National League has announced that Nanda, a Brisbane-based pasta manufacturer, will sponsor the 1986 Nanda Soccer Cup for \$40,000.

"This is an exciting move for Nanda and we trust the relationship will develop into a long term association. Soccer has much to offer in Australia and we hope to be part of its increasing popularity," said Nanda director Ralph de Pasquale.

The NSL's Australia-wide cup competition now has its third title. Previously, it was known as the Phillips Cup and the National Cup.

The draw for the first round was made at NSL headquarters on Monday but as we went to press some dates, venues and kick off times were yet to be confirmed. The draw is:

March 15/16: West Adelaide Hellas V Salisbury United at Hindmarsh Stadium; Green Gully V Croydon at Green Gully Reserve or as curtain raiser to the Intercity Challenge Trophy match at Olympic Park on March 16.

March 23: Stirling Macedonia V Adelaide City in Perth; Brunswick Juventus V Melbourne Croatia and Heidelberg V Preston Makedonia in a double header at Olympic Park, first match at 2pm; George Cross V Footscray JUST and Juventus Pioneer V South Melbourne Hellas in a double header at Middle Park, first match at 2pm; Brisbane City V Brisbane Lions at Spencer Park, 2pm; Melita Eagles V Ipswich United and Wollongong V Centerbury in a double header at Melita Stadium; Newcastle Rosebud V Belmont Swansea at Adamstown Oval; St George V Marconi and Olympic V APIA in a double header at St George Stadium; Sydney Croatia V Sydney City Hakoah at Croatian Sports Centre; West Woden Juventus V Blacktown and Inter Monaro V Canberra in a double header at either Bruce Stadium or Seiffert Oval, first match at 2pm.

Many of the finest players in Australia, two of the finest clubs in Australia and the finest soccer venue in Australia — that's the prospect causing soccer fans to lick their lips in anticipation of Melbourne Croatia meeting Sydney Croatia at Olympic Park on Sunday, March 16 in the Intercity Challenge Trophy match.

And Melbourne Croatia and Sydney Croatia are zeroing in on that target. If Melbourne Croatia beats Heidelberg in the Buffalo Gold Cup final at Olympic Park this Saturday night and Sydney Croatia beats Inter Monaro in the NSW Ampol Cup final at St George Stadium this Sunday night, a record crowd for a game between National league clubs is expected to be at the Intercity Challenge.

Steve Gojevic, Vedran Rozic, Josip Biskic, Zelko Jurin, Davor Todoric, Zarko Odzakovic, Drago Deankovic, Wally Savor, Ante Ljubic and Luke Bonacic could make the Intercity Challenge one of the greatest finals in Australian soccer in recent times.

Gojevic however, is under an injury cloud for the Buffalo Gold Cup final. So are his Melbourne Croatia team mates Deankovic, Biskic and George Hannah. Dave McIntosh is suspended. Gojevic and Deankovic both asked to be replaced during Croatia's 3-2 win over George Cross in the semi-final last weekend. But Croatia coach Miron Bleiberg remains confident of success.

And he's not worried about Croatia's walking wounded because he has a large and talented squad.

"I have a big advantage here. My squad is so strong and so versatile that Heidelberg's coach Brian Garvey won't be able to plan effectively because he won't know until we fill out our team sheets who will be in my starting line-up. Garvey has done a very fine job with his players but the fact is that if I were to use Davor Todoric and Ante Ljubic in the starting line-up, he (Garvey) wouldn't know much about them."

Rozic, Sydney Croatia's play-

By
CRAIG
MACKENZIE

er-coach, knows that Sebastian Giampaolo is in scintillating form. Giampaolo is the leading scorer in the Ampol Cup and poses the biggest threat to Sydney Croatia's dream of glory.

Giampaolo scored twice and laid on Attilio Carbone's goal as Inter Monaro defeated Melita Eagles 4-2 in last weekend's semi-finals.

In Rozic, Jurin, Odzakovic, Graham Arnold and Graham Jennings, Croatia boasts the classier line-up but Inter Monaro's ability to combine well as a team unit has been the hallmark of its successful Ampol Cup run. Inter Monaro striker Steve Winn, signed from Heidelberg for \$15,000 earlier this year, knows what winning pre-season tournaments is all about. He was in devastating touch and spearheaded Heidelberg's crushing 5-1 over Melbourne Croatia in the final of last year's Buffalo Gold Cup.

The curtain raiser at St

George Stadium on Sunday is the play off for third and fourth place between Olympic and Melita Eagles at 4pm. The Ampol Cup final kicks off at 7pm.

Preston Makedonia and Springvale United meet at Olympic Park on Saturday at 6.30pm in the Junior Buffalo Gold Cup final and at 8pm Melbourne Croatia gets its chance to avenge last year's Buffalo Gold Cup final drubbing at the hands of Heidelberg.

Deankovic is one of the finest attacking right backs in Australia. Little Peter Tsolakis of Heidelberg has been in superb touch on the left wing. Their clash will be worth travelling a long way to see.

Bleiberg's main worry must be the possible loss of Gojevic, who has been the outstanding playmaker in the Buffalo Gold Cup. Whether Bonacic can cover for Gojevic remains to be seen. One thing is certain — Todoric can play. Watch him closely if he lines up on Saturday. He's essentially a left-footed striker but he oozes class and confidence. Croatia expects big things from him.

Tsolakis
is best

Peter Tsolakis of Heidelberg has won the best player award in the Buffalo Gold Cup while Melbourne Croatia's Gary Ward has a firm grasp of the leading scorer's award.

Tsolakis has an unbeatable lead in the voting. He polled three votes for his display against Juventus in the semi-finals, giving him a 3.5 lead over Makedonia's Sean Lane.

Tsolakis is in his second season with Heidelberg. The former Port Melbourne player is one of the most exciting to emerge on the National League scene.

"Brilliant. Just great," was the reaction of Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey to news of Tsolakis's win.

"He's certainly a good player to work with. He trains hard, he plays hard and he's always prepared to listen. That's why he's made such excellent progress so quickly."

Ward scored his seventh goal of the series when Croatia defeated George Cross 3-2 in the semis. He has a three-goal lead over team mate Robert Markovac. Ward last week negotiated a new contract with Croatia which includes a performance bonus if he scores more than 15 league goals.

Leading votegetters in the best player award:

- 11 — Tsolakis (Heid)
- 7.5 — Lane (Mak)
- 7 — Bruns (Morw)
- 6.5 — Tapai (JUST)
- 6 — Deankovic (Croat)
- 5.5 — Dimovski (WS)
- 5 — Marley (Heid), Peter Lewis (Juve), McKinlay (BH), James (GC).

Leading scorers:

- 7 — Ward (Croat)
- 4 — Markovac (Croat)
- 3 — Cole (Mak), Griffin (BH), Paul Lewis (GC).

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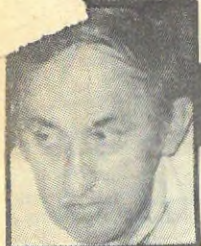
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Frankly, I am not surprised about the pending departure of Ampol as a sponsor. I'm somewhat sorry — but not surprised.

Ampol has been involved in soccer since 1958 when it first sponsored a pre-season Cup, at the instigation of its chief, Bill Walkley, later Sir William and also our ASF president.

The Ampol Cup of those early years was well run and exciting; I recall the euphoria of the first two or three years at that quaint Lidcombe Oval where we really believed that soccer, in new hands, would go places.

As the years went by, the financial contribution of Ampol became less and less vital and, perhaps because of this, the attitude of the Federation and clubs more apathetic.

The format of the Cup has been changed so many times over the years that, I am sure, nobody in the Federation office remembers it.

As for the promotion: very often — I should say usually — this consisted of a few inaudible blurbs on the PA system and a limp advertising cloth or two sadly hanging from some railings.

If ever a soccer marriage was heading for a divorce, this was the one.

But it still will be sad to see Ampol go; not because of its financial contribution, certainly not because of the Cup's exciting standards — but because of yet another break with tradition.

Let us remember that the NSL's nosedive began when its original godfather, Philips Industries, decided to pull out after the first few years.

Until then the NSL — or PSL — was running fairly smoothly; not only because of the very generous financial aid of Philips but also because that illustrious company's presence somehow spread confidence and stability in the game.

Once Philips was gone — never properly replaced — the League became beset by changes, and by years of severe buffeting between marketeers, promoters, dogooders and charlatans.

Gone are the major sponsors of yesteryear: Wills, Rothmans, Philips and soon Ampol. All we have left, in NSW anyway, is some isolated, small club sponsors plus Olympic Airways with its somewhat bizarre and overrated deal.

The decision to reduce the NSL to 14 teams in 1987 is irrevocable and irreversible. But not final.

Of course not! Whoever heard of a decision in our soccer that wasn't disputed by those who had opposed it, using every Machiavellian trick to fight it.

Personally, I don't have any strong views on the subject. Not having been connected with any club since 1962, I am not too familiar with the financial strategies involved in a 14-team NSL or a regional league.

What I do know, however, is that officialdom — and that goes for the executives of the ASF, NSL and the clubs — remains as undecided and ill-informed as ever.

In fact the officials richly deserve the sort of soccer that we actually have the sort they have created.

The NSL is merely 10 years old — or will be soon — and yet its competition format, size, play-off, Cup, value of wins, value of goals and some other features have changed more frequently than the rules of English, Scottish, French, Spanish and Italian soccer combined over the past 25 years.

If FIFA ever decides to hold a world championship for administrative changes within a set-up, we will walk away with it.

I am convinced that it's not an eternal search for something better that motivates our administrators but their failure to thoroughly examine any plan before accepting it.

We have rushed into so many half-baked schemes over the years that it's a wonder we haven't changed the shape of the ball or the number of players on the field.

Maybe that will come, too.



● The 1986 Hellas squad, with a few additions yet to be made, from left, standing: Manny Anezakis, Chris Andriotis, Angie Postecoglou, Richard Miranda, Peter Laumets, Steve Blair, Garry McDowall, Charlie Egan, Doug Brown. Middle row: Socrates Nicolaides, Carl Halford, Ken Murphy, Bobby Russell, John Kanesoulis, Alan Davidson. Front: George Mihos, John Margaritis (coach), Arthur Xanthopoulos. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Hellas war-horse back in harness

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Arthur Xanthopoulos, back after a two-year absence, played his first game for South Melbourne Hellas before his 16th birthday.

His centre-back partners have been Steve Walker, Kris Kalifatidis, Anton Dosen, Bertie Lutton and Steve Blair. And he played in the Hellas teams that won the 1972, 1974 and 1976 State League championships and the 1974 and 1975 Dockerty Cups.

Along with Mike Mandalis, John Daperis, Kalifatidis and Angie Postecoglou, Xanthopoulos is one of the select few who have survived in Hella's senior team after graduating from the club's juniors.

At 29, after having both cartilages removed and having recovered from a pelvic injury, Xanthopoulos believes he still can play as sweeper in the NSL.

But it all depends on negotiations over a new contract. During his long lay-off, Xanthopoulos ran between 30 and 35 miles a week, swam and also cycled.

"I've never been the fastest player around but as sweeper, other things are just as important as speed. I feel that with work, I can become faster and fitter than I've ever been."

Xanthopoulos was going to join Heidelberg-Alexander in early 1985, when Heidelberg was in dispute with Charlie Yankos. Then Green Gully made a bid for him but on the Friday before he was to play his first game, he aggravated his old injury, tearing tendons in the pelvic area. Green Gully stopped its cheque to Hellas for the \$5000 transfer fee, and Xanthopoulos was left cooling his heels for another year.

He had left Hellas on bad terms. "I had been injured playing for Hellas and when I came back, they wanted me to prove my fitness in three reserve games before giving me another contract. I played the three games but then they decided to give me only half of what they'd offered me early in the season. Len McKendry, the coach, probably figured that he didn't really need me, because he had John Yzendoorn."

"Now, with John Margaritis back as coach, and Yzendoorn leaving, I decided to give it another go."

They'll keep clubs honest

The National League is putting together a squad of prefects to keep its member clubs honest.

NSL manager Steve Kamasz said the prefects would make sure that clubs do not lie about the size of their crowds.

Kamasz will personally do prefect duty, along with NSL chairman Sam Papasavas and Kamasz's newly appointed assistant, Peter Russell.

Honesty about attendances is necessary this season because crowd figures are part of the criteria for membership of the NSL when it is reduced from 24 to 14 clubs for the 1987 season.

"In the past you weren't able to believe half the attendances which the clubs submitted to us," Kamasz said.

"Therefore it is necessary for us to have people checking at the gate."

"It is just as well this has come up because the people we appoint can help us in other ways as well."

"I've been unhappy with the match presentation of some clubs. There haven't been ball boys, for example; team colours have clashed on occasions; substitute boards often have been missing and sometimes score boards haven't been manned."

Presta to Wilhelmina

Stuart Thomson, Colin Blakeley and Julio Presta have joined Ringwood Wilhelmina, which will be led this year by player-coach Kees Storm.

Midfielder Thomson played with Croydon last season while Blakeley, a goalkeeper, was with George Cross. Both players returned from the U.K. in the past fortnight.

Presta is a 20-year-old Uruguayan forward who joined

the same club from which Greg Warszawski, now at Polonia, joined Wilhelmina. Storm says of Presta: "He's as good as Warszawski."

Wilhelmina has lost Graham Haupt, Des Shannon and Fred Murray. Haupt (for \$500) and Shannon (\$860) have joined Ringwood United Serbia while Murray is on the look-out for a new club. There's \$1,000 on Murray's head.

Patterson, Sweeney are in the dark

Scott Patterson thinks that the rumored swap between him and Joe Sweeney could be on; Sweeney doesn't know what to think; Heidelberg president Peter Tsaklis won't let anyone know what he thinks and Juventus president Joe Caruso thinks that the whole thing has been trumped up.

PATTERSON: "Yeah, I'd definitely be interested in joining Juventus. The Heidelberg committee told me last week that they're having talks about the swap. I also have been told



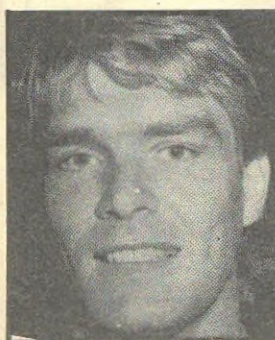
● Scott Patterson

that Footscray JUST offered Heidelberg \$15,000 for me but I'd rather play on loan with Box Hill in the State League than join JUST."

SWEENEY: "I'm not interested in going to Heidelberg and I'm still trying to sort out this situation to see if there's any truth in the rumor."

TSAKLIS: "Why make a big deal about this? We haven't even spoken to the players about it."

CARUSO: "Me, Len McKendry and Peter Tsaklis



● Joe Sweeney

were sitting in the grandstand during the Buffalo Cup having a quiet conversation. Peter asked if any of our players were available. I told him that every one of them was available for the right price and if the money was good, he even could sign me!"

To confuse an already clouded affair, it's rumored that John Margaritis may be interested in swapping Sweeney for transfer-listed sweeper John Yzendoorn who is keen to join Juventus from Hellas.

Italians, Greeks battle over Cernaka

By RICKY ROSSO

Brisbane's Greek and Italian soccer communities, arch rivals more than a decade ago, were at loggerheads again last week.

And the controversy centred around talented Olympic defender Mick Cernaka.

Cernaka was given a one-month trial at City but was substituted after only 20 minutes by Brisbane City coach Jim Hermiston during a Silver Boot pre-season tour-

nament quarter-final against Olympic.

Strategically, it may have been a wrong move by Hermiston, as the National League side eventually was beaten by the Premier Leaguers — much to the delight of the Greek supporters and to the disgust of the Azzurri fans.

But the saga was to have a

second chapter when Cernaka returned to Olympic's Goodwin Park for training the following Tuesday. He then sat with Olympic officials during the club's semi-final the following Wednesday and by Thursday he had announced he was quitting City.

Olympic quickly terminated his loan to enable the club to field its star player in the

Queensland Soccer Federation's XXXX pre-season tournament.

But in what could only be described as spiteful revenge, City retaliated by temporarily cancelling the loans of City players Stephen Glockner, Mick Gerritsen and Kerry Felsch who were trialling at Olympic.

The Greek club's winning side was decimated and it was not surprising that it was crushed 4-0 in the XXXX game by Mount Gravatt.

After negotiations between the two clubs, City then agreed to re-affirm the loans for the trio to enable them to play for Olympic in the Silver Boot final. But the spirit had been broken in the team and Olym-

pic was crushed 7-0 by the Lions NSL team.

But with the politics now over, the real issue can be examined.

Why, for the third time in 12 months has Cernaka turned his back on the NSL?

The 21-year-old trialled pre-season with Brisbane City last year, but returned to Olympic for the season. He then gained a trial with Sydney Olympic mid-year, but when a first team place was there for the taking, he returned to Brisbane just as the transfer expiry date passed.

Is he being given the wrong advice by Greek officials and fans who have only one thing in mind — to see their team win?

Or does the National League not motivate the youngster?

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Hungaria's hard times

One of the more famous clubs in Victorian soccer, Melbourne-Hungaria, is in danger of folding up unless an immediate "blood transfusion", in the shape of \$20,000 cash is conjured up within the next few weeks.

Unsuspecting members of the Melbourne HSC squad started their pre-season preparations late last month, but the deep silence surrounding last year's First Division champion did raise questions.

Now the truth is revealed. Melbourne HSC is faced with three unpalatable choices in the absence of the necessary transfusion of hard cash: 1. Decline to accept the position in the State League to which it has become entitled for the first time in a decade; 2. Merge with a Greek, Turkish or similar ethnic club and forfeit its distinctive Hungarian identity; 3. Simply go out of existence.

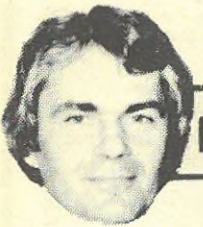
In a report on Melbourne HSC's desperate predicament, Hungarian language weekly "Magyar Elet" points out that during its 29 years of existence, the club represented with distinction the Hungarian community of Victoria.

It also points out, however, that an element of the Hungarian community considers the spending of communal funds on anything other than the Victorian Hungarian Community Centre in Melbourne wasted money.

As for those who think that merger is the way to survival, the case of once famous Adelaide Budapest is recalled. Within six months of its merger with Italian-supported Campbelltown over a decade ago there were no Hungarians on the committee and no Hungarian supporters on the terraces.

— PETER SCOTT

HUGHES THE MOST WANTED MAN, RUSH COSTLIEST



LES MURRAY

Who is the most valued eligible player on the world market?

The word "eligible" is important because there are probably players with a higher value but not available for transfer (like Platini or Maradona).

The barometer I'm using is the list of valuations by the wealthy Italian clubs which will be scrambling to buy more foreign players once the embargo on new foreign purchases is lifted after the World Cup.

And what the list proves is that Platini and certainly Maradona (who cost Napoli \$8 million) leave a huge gap behind them when it comes to player value.

Top of the list is Liverpool's Ian Rush, valued at \$4.1 million with three clubs — Milan, Juventus and Napoli — willing to pay.

Not too far behind is Barcelona's Bernd Schuster, the enigmatic and controversial West German midfielder who seemingly will play for West Germany only when he himself becomes its manager.

Schuster, who has given notice that he's going to leave Barcelona unless his wallet gets a thicker lining before the end of the season, is valued just less than Rush, at \$3.8 million.

Juve, Roma, Milan and Napoli all appear to be interested.

Just how much of a talent we were witnessing when the Clayton's Manchester United toured here in 1984 is shown by Mark Hughes's rating on the list — third at \$3.2 million.

And his list of eager customers is longer than anybody's. Apart from Milan, Juve and Fioren-

tina, Barcelona and the newly ambitious Olympique Marseille also are in the hunt.

Of course just what a player is worth may be dependent on his present club and what the asking price is.

For example the price on the head of former South American player of the year Enzo Francescoli may be unrealistically low at \$2.3 million because his club River Plate is more desperate for money than would be a Manchester United, a Barcelona, or even a Anderlecht.

The same could be said of players from Eastern Europe who belong to more modest clubs than those in Western Europe and have a lower glamor value.

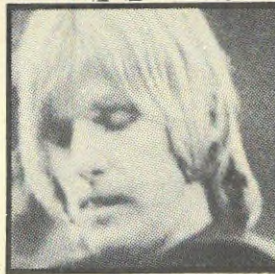
Such as the Hajduk Split pair, Zlatko Vujovic and Blaz Sliskovic, both of whom make a list dominated by West Europeans.

Sliskovic, a marvellous footballer not matched in class by too many others in Western Europe, would I'm sure command more than a \$1.3 million fee if he were playing for an English, French or Belgian club.

The point is emphasised when you consider that Zbigniew Boniek cost just \$1 million when he transferred from Widzew Lodz to Juventus four years ago.

The most tempted club on the list must be Manchester United. If it was in the mood to make a killing, it could sell three players for a cool \$7.9 million.

And Juventus is the club with the widest options. It has shown interest in no less than five players on the list.



• Schuster



• Rush

A RECORD!

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Graham Jennings has replaced Peter Lewis as the most expensive full back in Australian soccer history.

Jennings, 26, transferred from Sydney Olympic to Sydney Croatia for \$25,000 last week.

Lewis switched from Melbourne Croatia to Brunswick Juventus for \$18,000 in early 1985.

"Ridiculous, isn't it?" is the way Jennings described his new status.

"I tried to tell the disputes committee when it refused to lower my original \$30,000 transfer fee that if full backs are valued so highly, the price of good strikers will go through the roof."

"With this sort of precedent, clubs will push transfer fees higher and higher, and players will have to appeal in every single case." Jennings' bid to join Croatia appeared doomed when he failed to have his \$30,000 price reduced. Negotiations between the clubs continued however, until they agreed on \$25,000.

"Olympic bought me for only \$1000 from Adamstown Rosebud in 1979. They argued when they tried to justify my transfer fee that I play for Australia, but they didn't bring that up when they determined my wages."

"Coaches get paid a lot more than players, but when their contracts expire, they don't have to contend with transfer fees."

Jennings said he decided to leave Olympic because he did not get along with "the people who run the club."

"Even last year, when they decided to cut signing-on fees in half, I put up a struggle to leave, and they said I could find another club, but I wanted to stay in the national team, so I played on."

"Luckily, Croatia came in for me this year, because there aren't many other clubs able to afford this sort of money."

The left back who was described by national coach Frank Arok last year as the most consistent player in the Socceroo side, came to Olympic as a left winger.

Were he still a left winger he would, on his own admission, be playing in the State League now, or be back home in Newcastle.

"It was a matter of left back or left out when Tommy Docherty was at Olympic," he says.

"At first, I was playing on the wing, with Marshall Soper and Mark Koussas as the strikers. Then Gary Phillips came into his own in midfield and Peter Katholos returned to the side after a short absence. Jim Patikas and Peter Raskopoulos also had to be accommodated, so Docherty decided to keep four midfielders, and use only two instead of three forwards."

"Martyn Rogers was playing left back, and John Karaspyros right back. Docherty wasn't keen on John, so he switched Rogers to the right, and me to left back. That's how it started."

Before joining Olympic, Jennings played in Adamstown Rosebud's senior team from the age of 16 to 18.

He was chosen by Jim Shoulder in the national youth squad after the 1978 national youth championships in Brisbane, where Northern NSW finished third. "I was one of the regulars who'd been in State teams for years — along with Eddie Krncevic, Alan Davidson, Peter Raskopoulos and so on," Jennings says.

"Rudi Gutendorf then took over as coach, and we played qualifying games for the World Youth Championships, against New Zealand, Papua-New Guinea and Fiji, and then against Paraguay and Israel, in Paraguay."

"At the time I was converted into a full back, I'd given up hope of representing Australia again."

But Jennings must have made a good fist of his new position, because Arok included him in the squad to meet England in three internationals in 1983.

His only other senior representative game had been for NSW in a 5-5 draw with AEK Athens in 1979. "I did nothing at all in that game," he says.

He agrees with Joe Watson's recent criticism of financial arrangements for the Socceroos during the World Cup campaign last year.

Jennings beats Peter Lewis



• Graham Jennings (fourth from left) with the NSW team that drew 5-5 with AEK Athens in 1979. From left: official, Greg Woodhouse, Steve McDonald, Jennings, Peter Wilson, Eddie Krncevic, Keith Schumann, Peter Raskopoulos, Craig Hall, Peter Stone, Bruno Cagali, Ian Souness. NSW's goals were scored by Krncevic (2), Peter Biggs (2) and Raskopoulos (1).



• Graham Jennings



• Peter Lewis

chance of playing against the Soviet touring squad. Maybe it's now time to pick and choose our opponents."

As for Sydney Croatia's prospects in 1986, they look decidedly better with Graham Jennings in the team, and with a centre back due to arrive soon from Yugoslavia, to replace Bruno Vidacic who has retired. In the meantime, Marjan Kovacic, usually a midfielder, is filling in as stopper.

About Jim Patikas's departure for AEK Athens, Jennings says "It'll be hard to replace those bursts from midfield, but Graham Arnold is still there, and he's always dangerous, and I expect Zeljko Jurin to have a big year or the wing. Against Sydney City in the Ampol Cup, both our goals came from Jurin's crosses. He's so fast and skilful."

Emil Dragicevic is on the opposite wing, and there's lots of midfield support from Zarko Ofzakov, Wally Savor and Shane Clinch.

"I think we can win the title this year," Jennings says, "but we'll have stiff opposition from Sydney City, Olympic and Marconi, although I wasn't impressed with Marconi in the Ampol Cup. Inter Monaro could be a dark horse."

Jennings started teacher's college in Newcastle but failed to finish the course. He's worked since as a clerk and at various odd jobs, but hasn't worked since the 1984 world tour. "I'll have to get a job soon," he says, "because to be eligible for the Olympics you have to be earning more from your job than from soccer."

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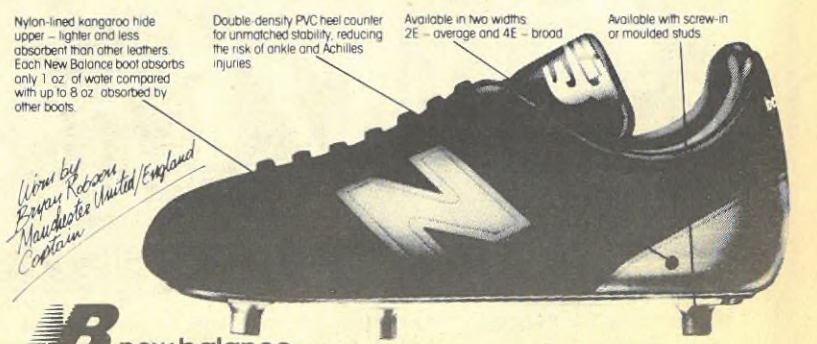
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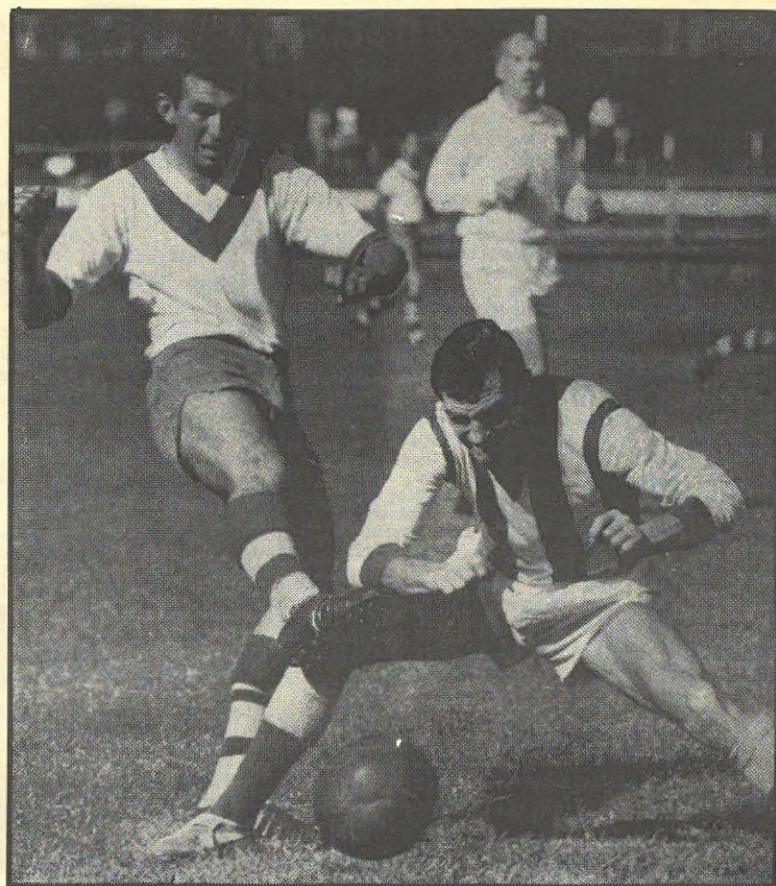
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● **GEORGE CROSS, 1963.** From left, standing: Harry Stevenson, Don Hodgson (captain), Norm Hobson, Vince Muscat, Bill Binnie. Front: Fred Falzon, Eddie Sacco, Archie Campbell, Billy Dalli, Tony Cassar, Owen Terry. Mascot: Martin Scicluna.



● **JOHN BEDFORD**, the all-time longest-serving player of South Melbourne Hellas, beats Theo Toussis for one of two goals in a 3-0 victory over Pan Hellenic in Sydney in 1962.

BLASTS FROM THE PAST



● **FABIAN JUHASZ** (centre) at St George Budapest in 1972, following his transfer from Melbourne-Hungaria. The Hungarian star, who had played many representative games for Victoria, is pictured with St George team-mates George Harris (heading the ball) and Doug Utjesenovic, against Marconi opponents Ernie Campbell (left) and Max Tolson (right).



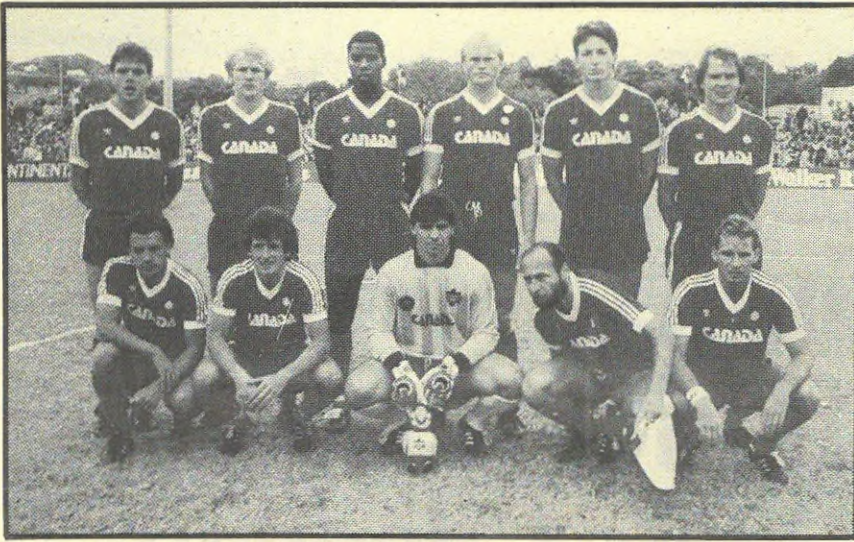
● **JOE MARSTON** (right) and Preston North End, in a game against Huddersfield in the early fifties. Marston, who joined Leichhardt at the age of 17, played 35 games for Australia, 24 of them as captain. During his four years with Preston North End in England, he played 145 league and 11 Cup games, played on the losing side in the 1954 English FA Cup final against West Brom and was in the 1954 combined English League side against Scotland at Hampden Park. Later, Marston coached APIA, Western Suburbs, Auburn and Sydney Olympic.



● **PRESTON-MAKEDONIA, 1964.** From left, standing: George Krashou (now club president), S. Soklef, J. McRae, S. Wilson, T. Buxton, D. Carmichael, S. Popomilkov. Front: G.



● **WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS** has won the 1978 National League championship, and Peter Boyle celebrates by pouring a bottle of champagne over his head. Behind him, partly obscured, is Neil McGachey, now Hellas coach, and on either side of Boyle are Adelaide City Juventus opponents Dixie Deans (left) and John Perin (right). Others pictured include Martyn Crook (behind Deans) and Ian McGregor (next to Perin).



World Cup count-down: No. 6 — CANADA

● Canada's national team, from left, standing: Lenarduzzi, Ragan, Samual, Bridge, Vrablic, Pakos. Front: Valentine, James, Lettieri, Wilson, Norman.

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WORLD CUP WARM-UPS

In TEL AVIV, England beat Israel 2-1 (halftime 0-1) in a warm-up match for the World Cup finals.

Scorers: Israel — Eli Ohana (7th minute).

England — Bryan Robson (51st, 87th pen).

In Paris, France and Northern Ireland drew 0-0 in a warm-up match.

Attendance: 25,000.

CANADA will travel to Mexico to make its first appearance in the World Cup finals with no illusions about the size of its task.

Given the strength of its opposition in Group C, Canada's coach, former England goalkeeper Tony

Waiters, has faced the future with refreshing realism.

"Our objective is to go to Mexico and come back with our pride intact," he said as the Canadian squad assembled for the start of its training camp.

As an underdeveloped soccer nation, Canada cannot call up players of highly-refined skills. It must rely on trying to swarm all over its opponents, closing down space and re-

stricting scoring opportunities.

"We have our limits in certain skills but I think we compensate for that with heart and hard work," said Waiters. "This is the most committed group of young people I've ever been involved with."

So far the Canadians' approach has succeeded.

They began their pre-World Cup program with warm-up games against Paraguay. The South Americans had only one shot and the game ended 0-0. Previously, in eight qualifying matches for the World Cup finals, they conceded only four goals.

Critics have said the system is fine against second-rate teams, but will not succeed against the world's best. Canada will discover the truth in Mexico when it meets in its opening group match.

Five days after the opening fixture against the European champion, Canada meets Hungary. Its final first-round match is against the Soviet Union.

All three teams possess skills far beyond those of the Canadians.

"We have no superstars," said captain Bruce Wilson. "Conditioning is about 85 per cent of our game. If we are going to win, we have to outrun the other team. But nobody enjoys facing us."

Wilson, along with several other members of the Canadian squad, was out of work and training privately for the finals before opening of Canada's training camp.

Such dedication has been typical of their approach and their progress after narrowly missing out last time when a 2-2 draw with Cuba cost Canada a place in the 1982 finals in Spain.

This time Canada emerged successfully from the qualify-

Qualifiers

● Canada's qualifying matches: first round bye; second round: v Haiti 2-0 (home), 2-0 (away), v Guatemala 2-1 (home), 1-1 (away); third round: v Costa Rica 1-1 (home), 0-0 (away), v Honduras 1-0 (away), 2-1 (home).

ing rounds. The biggest problem since earning its Mexico ticket has been assembling all the players at once.

Thirteen of the likely squad are under contract to teams in the Major Indoor Soccer League in the United States while four others are in Europe.

Waiters said he hoped to have 22 players together by mid-April, but acknowledged that play-offs could upset his plans and delay final training until May.

This could be a particularly serious blow as he said "togetherness" was the team's chief asset.

"What we're most concerned about is getting players who fit into a team unit," he said.

The squad already has spent a week in Mexico where it played two friendly games.

Waiters is ensuring that great care is taken over physical preparation and conditioning

as the altitude and heat will be key factors during the finals.

Midfielder Paul James endured a 5-0 defeat by Mexico in 1983. He recalled his initial confusion at the effects of Mexico's light air.

"You have to adjust to the flight of the ball," he said. "At the last minute, it really zooms at you. When I first went there I couldn't even run 10 yards without losing my mind. I was just shattered."

Many observers believe Canada will find the finals themselves a shattering experience — but the players refuse to believe that will happen.

"Our system makes it difficult for other teams to play against us," said James. "We close everything down. The way we play reduces goal scoring."

Striker Branko Segota of the San Diego Sockers is the Major Indoor Soccer League's second leading scorer and probably Canada's most dangerous forward.

His planned appearance for the team last week was his first for more than a year because of contractual commitments.

Waiters naturally hopes his team will knit into a spirited unit. While no-one dares say Canada has a chance of winning the tournament, it is clear that avoiding embarrassment is essential. To get beyond the first round would be a triumph.

"We are going to Mexico very much as the underdogs," said Waiters. "But we could sneak into the second round."

ILHAN TO THOMASTOWN

● Celal Ilhan and Alan Kerr have been Thomastown's new signings so far but player-coach George McMillan is likely to add the names of Mike Rainey and Robert Evans to that list as he attempts to guide Thomastown into the top four of the Victorian State League.

Ilhan was signed from Holland Park for \$3,000. Kerr crossed from Croydon for \$1,500. Evans and Rainey are on free transfers. Rainey, the former Hakoah, Preston Makedonia and Croydon defender played with Prahran Celtic last season.

Teenager Kevin Carfora could partner Kerr in the heart of McMillan's four-man midfield. McMillan is playing sweeper and is likely to use Rob Pianalto as centre half.



● Flashback to Australia's World Cup qualifying campaign. Left: Opposing captains John Kosmina and Allan Boath during the 0-0 draw between the Socceroos and New Zealand in Auckland. Centre: Jim Patikas who starred in the 0-0 draw with Scotland in Melbourne, just before joining AEK Athens. Right: Goalkeeper Terry Greedy is helped off the field by team doctor Brian Corrigan in the 2-1 victory over Israel in Tel Aviv. Greedy since has retired from the national team.

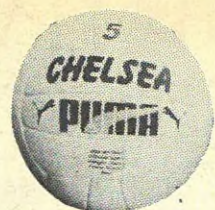


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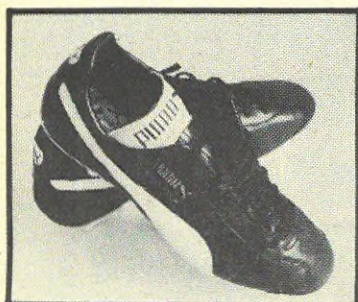
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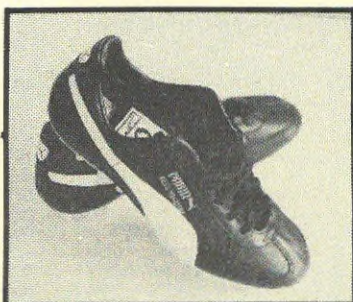
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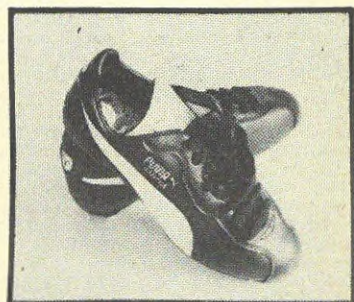
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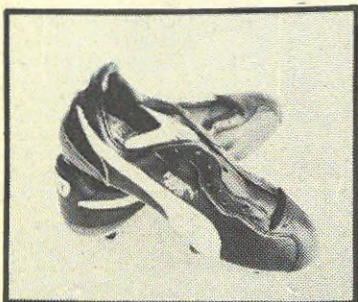
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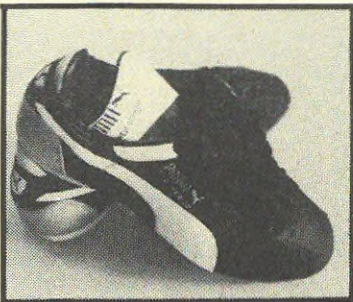
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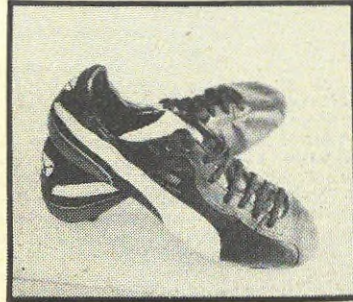
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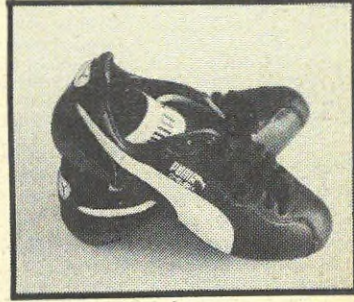
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● Noel Mitten of George Cross slides into the box, past Croatia's Drago Deankovic (No 2) and Jimmy Campbell. At left are Tony Curcio, Mark Lennon and George Hannah, and in the background Don Maclaren. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

J.U.S.T. hammers Makedonia 6-1

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JUST: Nikitovic (Vlajnic) — Karic, Dimovski (D Janjic), Vukcevic (S Janjic), Petrovski — Stosic, Belic (R Barjaktarevic), Tapai, Lujic — Latif, Simic (Nedelkovski).

MAKEDONIA: Lee — Opasins (sent off 80th), Piculovski, Dobson, Momirovski — Campbell, Petrov, Necovski, van Egmond — Cole, Lane.

JUST coach Drago Sekularac was all smiles as the pieces finally started to fall into place for his new team.

With Vlado Stosic in sparkling form following his release from Red Star Belgrade, and Ossi Latif dynamic in attack, JUST absolutely demolished a full-strength Makedonia.

But more important than the result were a number of experiments made by Sekularac.

Paul Simic, a former JUST top-scorer, looks set to succeed in his bid to rejoin JUST from Broadmeadows. Sekularac thinks a lot of the tall striker.

Steve Dimovski, the Western Suburbs defender, also impressed Sekularac, and may be signed if the clubs can strike a deal.

However, forward Bill Lazopoulos seems to be on the outer at JUST. He did not play and it



● Milos Stosic

wouldn't surprise to see him returning to Western Suburbs.

JUST also is pursuing Hellas midfielder Vlado Bozinovski, who is on the Hella transfer list along with Peter Vardaxis and George Kalogeros who probably will go to South Oakleigh and Heidelberg respectively.

Dragan and Steve Janjic, both of Springvale United, were given a run as substitutes but they are unlikely to be signed.

However, the club may be joined by a player from Adelaide.

Mile Necovski, the Yugoslav import of Makedonia, had a quiet game but did well to face goalkeeper Zoran Nikitovic in an excellent scoring chance, only to see Nikitovic make a brilliant save.

Makedonia's Con Opasins was sent off the field over a clash with Stosic about 10 minutes from the end.

Croatia tunes up to Bleiberg's Bolero

Man of the match:

DRAGO DEANKOVIC
(M Croatia)

M Croatia 3
Geo Cross 2

Scorers: 1-0 Ward 35th, 1-1 Mitten pen 57th, 2-1 Todorovic 96th, 2-2 Bain 97th, 3-2 Deankovic 98th.

It was like Ravel's "Bolero" or Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture", its first movement tickling the senses, its crescendo awesomely powerful. The conductor was Melbourne Croatia coach Miron Bleiberg.

In eight matches under the former Israeli Navy captain who, at 31, is the youngest coach in the NSL, Croatia has won seven and drawn one.

Bleiberg, like von Karajan or Bernstein conducting an orchestra, savored every twist and turn in the arrangement he had composed. All he needed was a wild shock of hair and a crazy glint in the eye.

His intricate composition was applauded as a hit, but there were plenty of sceptics during the opening strains.

It all started with a decision to move Drago Deankovic, that doyen of full backs, from the right flank to the left, along with his usual right-flank partner, Josip Biskic.

"Everyone knows we are strongest on the right and so I thought John Gardiner (George Cross coach) would pay special attention to our right side," Bleiberg said. "I thought: why not mix it up?"

"We worked at training on Deankovic and Biskic cutting inside on the left, in order to get onto their right foot, rather than going straight down the line the way they do on the right."

"Also, I was afraid Drago would attack too much from his usual position, and perhaps give George Cross too much space on that side. Playing on the left restrained him a bit and made him concentrate more on defending."

"We concentrated on pressuring George Cross in mid-field and when, by half time, they had not worried us, I decided to switch Drago back to the right and let him do his own thing."

It all worked. Deankovic was at hand in the first half for a challenge on Noel Mitten that probably prevented Mitten from scoring, and then scored the winning goal in the second half.

Biskic was busy as usual even though he was on his "wrong" side.

"Why stick to the same formula all the time? It just helps the opponents," Bleiberg said. "Everyone knew, for example, how Hellas played last year, and knew how to stop them."



● Shaun Parton, playing against his former club, is pursued by Robert Markovac.

The introduction of two extra strikers, Ante Ljubic and, playing his first game for Croatia, Davor Todorovic, also worked for Bleiberg, because they combined to put Croatia ahead at 2-1 during extra time, giving the rest of the team a taste of blood.

Bleiberg's inventiveness and bravado are in stark contrast with what we saw in the Juventus team in the later game.

While talented Rino Minichiello sat on the bench, Juventus coach Len Kendry selected striker Jamie Paton, although Paton had not played since July, 1985. He had been signed on a free clearance only the previous day. Mike Petersen or Paul Wade as striker alongside Joe Palatsides, and Minichiello in midfield would have been far preferable.

George Cross centre back Shaun Parton, playing against his former club, could have equalised at 3-3 in the 108th minute and forced the match to penalties but he misjudged the bouncing ball and connected instead with Deankovic at a range of five metres.

Earlier, he had gone for a header for which Tyrone James — the star player of George Cross — was better placed. Obviously, Parton was determined to score against the club that dumped him.

"He was too excited to play against us," was the way Bleiberg put it.

Luke Bonacic put the ball into the net for what appeared to be a legitimate second goal for Croatia, after Gary Ward had opened the scoring, but referee Stuart Mellings dis-

looking to striker Carl Gilder to do the damage up front.

Gilder, who had a spirited battle with Dave McIntosh, got the ball square into the middle for Mitten in the 41st minute, by Deankovic was there to challenge Mitten and field the ball for goalkeeper Mirko Runje, who got hurt as Mitten bore in.

From a corner by talented striker Mark Lennon, Gilder headed just over the bar to bring down the curtain on the first half.

Referee Mellings awarded George Cross its penalty in the 57th minute, apparently over an alleged push by Deankovic on Lennon. Mitten converted.

At the other end, Robert Markovac had many scoring chances, including a shot that was stopped by the legs of goalkeeper Lou Kastner in the 60th minute. Steve Gojevic tried to score on the rebound, but was foiled by James's tackle.

While Croatia had been restrained in the first half, it produced all its artistry in the second period. Gojevic, for example, played a brilliant first-time pass down the line for Deankovic whose cross was headed inches past the post by Robert Markovac.

The George Cross midfielders, with the exception of Jeff Faulkner, were unable to match their opponents, and so both Don Maclaren and Mitten eventually were replaced.

When Maclaren came off in the 80th minute, Gardiner sent Bobby Toal on as an extra forward. Later, Steve Richardson came on in a flank position, but he is a stopper.

Markovac had another scoring opportunity in the 81st minute, but John Campelj hooked the ball virtually off Markovac's foot inside the goal area, while falling.

Then Deankovic played an unbelievable square ball into the middle for Biskic whose shot was saved by Kastner.

Todorovic, the left flanker from Zadar, came on in the 86th minute. He had earned the plaudits of his team-mates at training, and it was clear from the way he barged into the fray that is a player of true class, but even more confidence.

"He is a good player, but more important, a great entertainer," Bleiberg said. "However, to establish himself in Australian soccer, he must adapt a little — a little less dribbling, a bit more passing. But I will not hamper him if he shows he can do it."

Biskic sent a nice through pass to Markovac at the start of extra time, but Markovac's square pass went behind Todorovic.

Then, after a cross from Deankovic, Ljubic cut past Faulkner and lobbed the ball into the middle where Todorovic headed home.

George Cross silenced Croatia's fans only a minute later, however. Bain, at the edge of the area, ran past challengers galore and belted the ball past Runje to make it 2-2.

Then came the third goal in as many minutes — and what a goal it was.

Deankovic played a one-two with Markovac, checked inside as if he was about to cross, wrong-footed Campelj and then drove the ball at an angle into the far corner.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Brown strikes!

OLYMPIA-WPL 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 3 (Brown 5, 27, McDowell 85), at Glenorchy, Hobart. Att: 500. Ref: A. Gray.

OLYMPIA: Burden — Hey, Berwick, Davis (Paplos 46), McNeil (Sherman 60) — Goldsmith, Barrell (Padas 46), Gorniak (Tsagaris 65), Munro (Kaprouris 65) — Nicholls, Forster.

HELLAS: Laumets — Russell, Blair, Xanthopoulos (Kaneloulis 89), Postecoglou — Halford, Miranda, McDowell, Murphy — Egan, Brown.

Doug Brown is back in favor following two goals in this friendly match.

Hellas dominated all but 10 minutes and the only real setback it suffered was an injury to Arthur Xanthopoulos late in the game. He was taken to hospital with a suspected broken nose after an accidental clash with Paul Kaproulias, but was given the all-clear by doctors.

Olympia's main fault was giving the ball away in deep defensive positions when not under pressure.

McNeil gave the ball away in

the fifth minute, enabling Miranda to release Halford on the right. Halford's low cross found Brown who side-footed the ball neatly past Burden for the opening score.

Gorniak fired in a nice shot on the turn five minutes later but that was the closest the home team came to scoring until the final quarter of an hour of the match when a quick counter-attack initiated by Goldsmith and involving Forster saw Nicholls slam a 25-metre pile-driver against the bar with Laumets well beaten.

Another chance fell to Nicholls only seconds later but Laumets pulled off a brilliant save at close-range.

Brown headed against the bar and McDowell saw his shot strike a post and rebound somewhat luckily into Burden's arms before Brown struck home his second goal in the 27th minute.

Hellas had just survived Nicholls' two attempts late in the game when exquisite interplay between Murphy, Egan and McDowell led to the latter player rounding the goalkeeper and slotting the ball home from an acute angle.

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Round 2, Sat, March 29: v Melbourne
Round 4, Sat, April 12: v Polonia
Round 6, Sat, April 26: v Northcote
Round 8, Sat, May 10: v Croydon
Round 10, Sat, May 24: v Springvale
Round 12, Sat, June 12: v Thomastown
Round 14, Sat, June 21: v Box Hill
Round 16, Sat, July 5: v Fawkner
Round 18, Sat, July 19: v Morwell
Round 20, Sat, August 2: v W.Suburbs
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Round 24, Sat, August 30: v St.Alb.Dinamo
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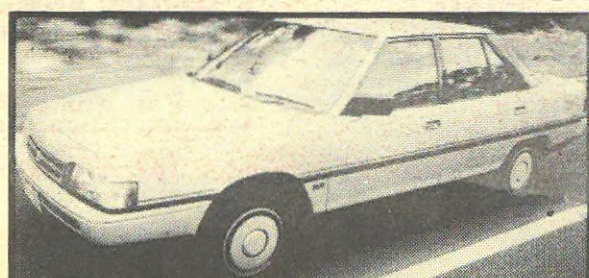
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Frankston Pines held a gala ball at Chelsea Town Hall two weeks ago to celebrate their 21st anniversary and to recall one of the greatest tales of rapid rise in Victorian soccer.

The Pines Boys Soccer Club was formed in 1965 and entered a team in the South of the Yarra League in 1967, finishing runner-up in its first season of competitive soccer under the auspices of the Victorian Soccer Federation.

Pines were District League champions in 1968 and 1972 and in 1973, their first venture into Provisional League ranks, they won the championship. In 1977, Pines finished fourth in the Provisional League. Thanks to an outstanding 17-game unbeaten run, Pines won the Provisional League championship in 1978, clinching a berth in the Metropolitan Leagues.

Pines continued their surge the following year by winning the Fourth Division championship. They lasted just one season in Third Division by winning the championship of that league

in 1980. Pines' second place finish in Second Division gave them a ticket to First Division for the 1982 season in which they finished fourth. But there was no stopping this ambitious club the following year, Pines' second place finish in First Division in 1983 clinched their State League status. Pines finished 8th in State League in 1984 and 5th last year. Their State League status well consolidated, Pines have every reason to expect that at the very least they can power their way into the top four in 1986.

Over 400 guests attended the club's recent anniversary ball and a huge banner said it all: "21 years of soccer, the real football — Frankston Pines Soccer club 1965-86."

● The Frankston Pines committee consists of: Alan Stirling president, Bob Waugh vice president, Joe Tromans Secretary, Bob McKechnie treasurer, Mrs Betty Rust junior secretary, Jim Burke, Bob Ward, Stephen Rust and Mrs Margaret Watson, general committee.



● The pictures by LES SHORROCK above and below show club officials, VSF officials, councillors and local parliamentarians enjoying Frankston Pines' 21st anniversary ball at Chelsea Town Hall. Above: councillor Ted Holman; councillor Geoff Holland (obscured); VSF executive director George Wallace; State League chairman Vito Cilauro; Mrs Heath; VSF vice-president Eric Heath; Mrs Cilauro; Mrs Wallace; Mrs Holland; Mrs Holman and Mal Sandon, MLC. The picture below shows Mrs Chynoweth; Pines' treasurer Bob McKechnie; Jimmy McFarland, Pines' life member; Mrs McKechnie; Mrs Stirling and MHR for Chisholm, Bob Chynoweth.



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Dockerty Cup

Venues and groupings for the first main round of the Ricoh Dockerty Cup to be played on Saturday, March 15:

Gardiners Creek Reserve, Burwood: Caulfield City v Oakleigh, Western Suburbs v Yarraville

Smith Reserve, Jukes Road, Fawkner: Melbourne-Hungaria v Altona Gate-Vardor, Fawkner v Doncaster Rovers

Churchill Reserve, Fox Street, St Albans: Sunbury v Doveton, St Albans-Dinamo v Nunawading City

Croydon Park, Cnr Mt Dandenong Road/Springfield Ave, Croydon: Knox City v

Clarinda, Croydon City v Dandenong City

Wembley Park, Box Hill: Broadmeadows City v Sandringham City, Box Hill v Northcote City

Monterey Reserve, Frankston Pines: Polonia v North Dandenong, Frankston Pines v Werribee

Ross Reserve, Memorial Drive, Noble Park: Ringwood Wilhelmina v Springvale United, Springvale City v Mooroolbark

Partridge Reserve, Partridge Street, Lalor: Albion Turk Gueu v Bulleen, Thomastown v Morwell Falcons

New formula for past performance

National Soccer League manager Steve Kamasz has worked out points totals for the NSL clubs, according to past performances.

Each club will aspire to a possible 100 points in meeting the criteria for inclusion in the 1987 14-team league.

Of those 100 points, a maximum of 40 will be awarded according to past performance in the NSL.

"Soccer Action" worked out a possible list of totals two weeks ago, dividing the total number of competition points gained by each club in the NSL, divided by the number of games played.

Kamasz, however, has brought in another factor.

He also has divided each club's total points by games played, but he then has divided that total by the figure of the club with the best average, and multiplied it by 40.

The effect is that each club's total is expressed as a proportion of the total of the top club.

It gives us the following list of points, out of 40, rounded off to one decimal point:

- 40.0 Sydney City Hakoah
- 33.8 Sydney Croatia
- 33.3 Brunswick Juventus
- 33.3 Heidelberg Alexander
- 32.8 South Melbourne Hellas
- 32.4 Marconi
- 32.2 Melbourne Croatia
- 28.7 Sydney Olympic
- 28.0 Adelaide City Juventus
- 27.9 APIA-Leichhardt
- 27.7 St. George Budapest
- 26.7 Preston Makedonia
- 26.5 Brisbane Lions
- 25.6 Inter-Monaro

- 24.2 Brisbane City
- 24.2 Canberra City Olympians
- 24.2 West Adelaide Hellas
- 23.7 Green Gully
- 23.9 Blacktown City
- 23.6 Wollongong
- 23.2 Footscray JUST
- 22.0 Sunshine-George Cross
- 19.4 Newcastle-Rosebud
- Canterbury's performance in 1986 will be used to establish a past performance figure.

Kamasz's proposed formula will be sent to the clubs for comment, and submitted to the NSL executive on March 7 and to the Council of Clubs on March 15.

While Kamasz's formula still puts the teams with the worst past record at a disadvantage, it gives them a better chance of compensating with high league placings this year.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Margaritis 'helps out' McKendry

The clash between Brunswick-Juventus and SM-Hellas will be played, as originally scheduled, on March 30. It will not be brought forward after all.

Opposing coaches John Margaritis have added spice to the encounter.

McKendry said after Juventus had lost to Heidelberg last Saturday night that Margaritis had instilled in the Juventus players the habit of playing the ball square instead of forward.

McKendry coached Hellas last year; Margaritis coached Juventus. They since have "swapped" clubs.

Margaritis said: "It's taken me a long time to bring the Hellas players down to earth after recent reasons.



● John Margaritis

"I'm delighted that McKendry is making so many comments about me to the Juventus players. It means he must be thinking about me a lot.

"But maybe, for his own sake, he shouldn't worry about me so much. My name is very difficult to pronounce. For every letter in my name,



● Len McKendry

he has lost a match against me.

"I am trying to help the man when I say that he should forget all about other coaches, whether they be Margaritis, Garvey, Rasic, Gardiner or Thomson. It takes a long time to achieve what they have, and the harder he concentrates on his job the better chance he has of matching them."

A step away from super leagues?

From page one

cent of the criteria and crowd support for only 10 per cent, and the areas of financial stability and administration have been removed altogether," he said.

"Financial stability is a flow-on from crowd support. So why give only 10 points for crowd support? Who wants to play in front of empty terraces?"

"One administrator of a club with very healthy support said to me: 'If that's the way they want it, our fans could boycott all away matches. We'll see how the league would like that'.

"Our club had a meeting about what we should do.

Some said we should give up and ask the State Federation to take us back, but we agreed in the end that we should fight. We'll just have to go out and perform, and finish in the top five in order to qualify.

"But you have to wonder whether it would be worthwhile to be part of the 14.

They could turn around and change the format again in 1988.

"One of the reasons the original 14-team format was abandoned was because clubs argued that when they played against teams from interstate, they attracted only one set of supporters.

"That situation will exist again in 1987, but suddenly it's no longer a problem."

JUMPING JOE BACK AMONG THE GOALS



● Joe Mullen

AC-Juventus 2 Salisbury 0

Scorer: Mullen 27th & 30th. Joe Mullen's comeback as a goalscoring striker was completed in this game.

And 1984 NSL Player of the Year Sergio Melia was introduced as a substitute for the final 13 minutes — the midfielder's first appearance since he broke his right arm during SA's tour of India.

During most of the 1985 NSL season young Mullen was used by coach Edmund Kreft as a midfielder, but this year new Juventus boss Zoran Matic has returned him to the front line.

Mullen, who burst into prominence as a teenage goalgrab-

bing forward with Para Hills, rewarded the faith shown in him by snaring two goals against Salisbury United to finish the Ampol Cup minor round on four goals — equal with Adelaide Hellas youngster Lou Hristodoulou.

The cheek, opportunism and accuracy have not deserted Mullen, as he reminded fans that he is the same striker who has tallied 15 NSL goals for Juventus.

Rothmans League champion Salisbury United faded from the series with this loss but not before providing spirited opposition to its vaunted adversary.

Berries boss Jimmy Campbell surprisingly benched Australian schoolboy international Kurt Leitner in favor of Chris Harwood.

Juventus also made change, with Charley Vilani sidelined through a knee injury, while David Alberton got a starting berth to the exclusion of former Salisbury defender Gary Higgins.

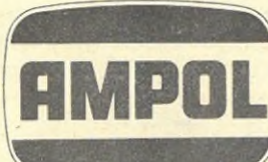
Salisbury entered the match needing a two-goal winning margin to oust Beograd from the finals.

From the urgency and quality of their start, it seemed the Berries were capable of achieving such a result.

But that was before Mullen burst on the scene to slap home two goals in an inspired three minute burst and Salisbury was sunk without a trace.

Aurelio Vidmar created the first Juventus goal when his soft shot was unbelievably spilled by Berries goalkeeper Brian Gale and Mullen pounced to bury the rebound.

Opportunism, the hallmark of all great strikers, was very much in evidence again as Mullen capitalised on a slip by defender Willie Irvine to crack home the second goal.



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN AMPOL CUP
with ALLAN CRISP

SA CUP DETAILS

AZZURRI 5 (DeVita 13th, 57th, Bojczuk 49th, 62nd, F. Michelson 44th), POLONIA 1 (Marko 7th). Referee: Tony Martell 7. Crowd: 1400.

AZZURRI: D. Miller 8, F. Michelson 7, Kitchin 6, O. Michelson 7, R. Alberton 7, Boffa 6, Francis 8, Illic 7, DeVita 8, Bojczuk 8, Giannitto 8. Subs: Moretti for Kitchin 67th, O'Connor for Giannitto 67th. Coach: Joe Serafini.

POLONIA: Jacques 6, DiBartolo 7, Si Cafuta 7, P. Mullen 7, Harley 6, Doorne 7, Karpinski 6, Sander-son 6, Greig (Kozs 7th) 6, Piotrowski 6, Marko 7. Other subs: Turnbull for Marko 55th, Prismoantate for Sander-son 55th. Coaches: Henry Kolecki, Joe Larecki.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 2 (Mullen 27th, 30th) SALISBURY UNITED 0. Referee: Steve Vatkovic 6. Cautions: Mullen (J), Irvine (S).

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS: McNally (Nisicoli 17th, 7), Alberton 7, Tobin 7, Nyskohus 8, Flounders 8, Santrac 7, Vidmar 7, C. Miller 6, Mullen 9, Maxwell 7, Northcote 7. Subs: Caruso for Miller 58th, Melia for Santrac 67th.

SALISBURY UNITED: Gale 6, Latham 8, Irvine 7, Begg 7, Harwood 8, Boyle 7, Tufts 7, Williams 7, McNally 6, Gasparetto 7, Bell 6. Subs: K. Leitner for Irvine 70th, McFall for Bell 67th. Coach: Jimmy Campbell.

GOALSCORERS

4. L. Hristodoulou (Hellas), J. Mullen (Juventus).
3. S. Maxwell (Juventus).
2. A. Karpinski (Polonia), C. Villani (Juventus), N. Mousoulis (Hellas), D. Rusmir (Beograd), P. DeVita (Azzurri), W. Bojczuk (Azzurri).
1. B. Welsh (Beograd), J. Panagis (Hellas), J. Francis (Azzurri), T. Hayes (Birkalla), M. Kelly (Elizabeth City), D. McFall (Salis), H. Bell (Salis), A. Mottram (Eliz City), G. Honeyman (Hellas), G. Price (Hellas), G. Devlin (Birkalla), J. Greig (Polonia), G. Konstandopoulos (Hellas), H. Marko (Polonia).

Super Semi Finals

● The SA Ampol Cup semi-finals this week are a promoter's dream, with Adelaide Hellas pitted against Beograd in the first semi and Adelaide Juventus opposed to Azzurri in the second of the double-header finals.

The first semi-final will kick off a half hour earlier than usual (7pm) to allow for the possibility of extra-time.

TREBLE FOR AZZURRI?

Azzurri 5 Polonia 1

Scorers, Azz. De Vita 13th & 57th; Bojczuk 49th & 62nd; F. Michelson 44th; Pol Marko 7th.

Azzurri, winner of two of the last three SA Ampol Cups, is set to make it three in a row after its four-goal demolition of Polonia.

Azzurri was denied the right to defend the night series trophy last year when it failed to qualify as it finished out-

side the State League top six.

A protest by no less a "heavy" than the sponsor, brought a rule change so that in future the Ampol Cup winner automatically will be admitted to the series the following season.

After a stuttering 1-1 draw with Birkalla, Azzurri went down 3-0 to Hellas to be rock-bottom on the Group B table and could harbor no pretensions to finals participation.

But, Azzurri leapt from bottom to second with this scintillating success and now is a serious finals contender.

Lady Luck shunned Polonia from the seventh minute when its Darwin recruit Jerry Greig was forced off through a torn muscle.

But before Edmund Kozs replaced Greig, Polonia was a goal up as Herbie Marko beat Azzurri goalkeeper David Mille with an angled drive inside the box.

Azzurri equalised six minutes later through ball-of-energy DeVita, who received great support from promising wing-striker Angie Giannitto and bustling Bojczuk.

Giannitto's tricky wing exploits, Miller's steady exhibition in goal and a masterly midfield display by John Francis were the ingredients Azzurri needed to carry it confidently into the finals.

Players sought

● Victorian League club Holland Park is on the lookout for midfielders and forwards, top class ones at that.

Holland Park already has signed former Hellas-Hakoah player Ayhan Patsaman from Albion Turk Gucu for \$2,000 and sold Celal Ilhan to Tho-



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COMPLETE AMPOL CUP DETAILS

GROUP A

Hakoah v Wollongong City 1-0, Farina v Melita Eagles 0-0 v Makedonia 3-1, Spanos 2, Souness (H), Satan (M) v Fairy Meadow 2-0, Bottalico, Fletcher, DeMarigny (H), Carroll 2, Willis, Thornthwaite (BC).

Melita v Blacktown City 0-1, Carroll v Wollongong City 2-0, Farnsworth 2 (ME), Rivero, Batten Pen (WC) v Makedonia 1-0 v Fairy Meadow 4-0, Farrugia 2, Sertbas, Dolton.

Blacktown v Wollongong City 0-0 v Fairy Meadow 1-2, Thornthwaite (BC), Bell, Cario (FM) v Makedonia 1-2, Denyer (BC), Satan, King (M).

Wollongong City v Fairy Meadow 0-0 v Makedonia 3-1, Batten 2, Brodnik (WC), Muhlbaier (M).

Fairy Meadow v Makedonia 1-0, Warburton.

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hakoah | 3 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 7 |
| Melita Eagles | 1 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 5 |
| Blacktown | 2 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Wollongong | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 5 |
| Fairy Meadow | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 5 |
| Makedonia | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 3 |

Top Scorers:
3 goals: Batten (WC), Carroll (BC)
2 goals: Spanos, Fletcher (H), Thornthwaite (BC), Satan (MW), Farnsworth, Farrugia (ME).

1 goal: Spanos, Fletcher (H), Thornthwaite (BC), Satan (MW), Farnsworth, Farrugia (ME).
Goal: Farina, Souness, Bottalico, De Marigny (H), Willis, Denyer (BC), King, Muhlbaier (MW), Bell, Cario, Warburton (FM), Sertbas, Dolton (ME), Brodnik, Rivero (WC).

GROUP "B"

Croatia v Sutherland 4-1, Odzakovic, Jurin, Dragicevic, Terry (og), (C), Duncan (S) v Kuringai 0-0 v Freshwater 2-0, Dragicevic, Arnold v Manly 4-2, Dragicevic, Jurin, Odzakovic, Caleta (C), Van Egmond, Stuart (MW) v APIA 0-1, Butler.

APIA v Sutherland 1-1, Stewart (A), Hughes (S) v Manly 2-0, Bundalo, Bertogna v Kuringai 2-0, Stewart, Caban v Freshwater 4-1, Bertogna, Bundalo, Koussas, Dounis (A), Brady (F).

Sutherland v Freshwater 6-0, Sharpe 2, Johnstone, Meades, Hall, Terry v Manly 1-0, Meades v Kuringai 0-0.

Kuringai v Freshwater 1-1, Friend og (K), Rimmer (F) v Manly 2-0, Bass 2.

Manly v Freshwater 2-0, Van Egmond 2.

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
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| APIA | 4 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 9 |
| Croatia | 3 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 4 | 7 |
| Sutherland | 2 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 6 |
| Kuringai | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| Manly | 1 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 2 |
| Freshwater | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 15 | 1 |

TOP SCORERS:
3 goals: Dragicevic (C), van Egmond (MW).
2 goals: Jurin, Odzakovic (C), Bundalo, Bertogna, Bertogna, Stewart (A), Sharpe, Meades (S), Bass (K).
1 goal: Arnold, Caleta (C), Dunca, Hughes, Johnstone, Terry, Hall (S), Own goals: Terry for Croatia, Friend for Kuringai.

GROUP "C"

Marconi v Canberra City 0-0 v Inter Monaro 3-0, Lowe, Henderson, Carter v Avala 4-0, Lowe, Tredinnick, Licata, Sterrey v Penrith 2-0, Cross og, Driene v Ilinden 3-1, Tredinnick 2, Gray (M), Brown (R).

Inter Mon v Canberra City 0-0 v Avala 4-0, Giampaolo 2, Walsh, C Ambrosino v Penrith 4-1, Wotherspoon 3, Giampaolo (IM), Easthorpe (P) v Ilinden 4-1, Giampaolo, C Ambrosino, Walsh, Winn (IM), D. Wilson (I).

Canberra v Avala 2-0, Lamond, Gibson v Penrith 2-1, Lamond, Fernandez (C), Easthorpe (P) v Ilinden 1-1, Lamond (C), Slavski (I).

Ilinden v Penrith 1-1, J. Wilson (I), Easthorpe (P) v Avala 2-2, J. Wilson, D. Wilson (I), Jeffery 2 (A).

Avala v Penrith 2-1, Lembrick, Price.

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|---------------|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| Marconi | 4 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 1 | 9 |
| Inter Monaro | 3 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 5 | 7 |
| Canberra City | 2 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Ilinden | 0 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 3 |
| Avala | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 3 |
| Penrith | 0 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 2 |

Own goals: Cross for Marconi against Penrith, Terry for Croatia against Sutherland, Friend for Kuringai against Freshwater.



Attilio Carbone hammers home Inter-Monaro's fourth goal against Melita Eagles.

Top clubs in eight team series

Frank Arok, master organiser of pre-season tournaments, and expected yesterday (Tuesday) to be confirmed as national coach for another term, has put together an eight-club competition to be played in Sydney over the next two weeks.

Games will be at Marconi Stadium, the Croatian Sports Centre and St George Stadium.

The only doubtful starter is Sydney Croatia, which will be replaced by Avala if it wins the NSW Ampol Cup and therefore will be required in Melbourne for the interstate play-off on Sunday week.

The contestants are:
GROUP A: Sydney Hakoah, St George Budapest, Canterbury-Marrickville, Rockdale Ilinden.

GROUP B: Marconi, Blacktown, Uruguay-Auburn, Croatia or Avala.

Games will be played as double-headers on Wednesday, March 12, Friday, March 14, Sunday, March 16 and Wednesday, March 19.

On the final evening, the top team of

Group A meets the top team of Group B, second meets second, third meets third and fourth meets fourth.

Total points and goal difference will decide the placing.

Prize money will be split up as follows: 1st place 30 per cent, and then down the line: 22%, 16%, 12%, 8%, 6%, 4%, 2%.

Each team will be paid a \$2000 appearance fee.

From Budapest's point of view, it provides another opportunity for imports Miklos Orszagh and Zoran Beluzic to acclimatise before the start of the NSL. Stewart Porter, a striker from East Fife in Scotland, will join the squad this Friday.



Frank Arok



NSW AMPOL CUP

Soper's own goal sets Croatia on path to final

Croatia 3 Sydney Olympic 1
At St George Stadium Crowd: 10,115. Referee: Richard Lorenc 6.

Scorers: Jurin 14th, 65th, Soper own goal 30th, Kalantzis 24th.

Some 10,000 spectators at St George Stadium had every cent of their money's worth in a football extravaganza as Olympic and Croatia battled for a place in the Ampol Cup final.

It was an evenly fought battle with Croatia slightly the better side during the first period and Olympic much the better during the second.

There were Sydney Olympic banners behind one goal and Croatia banners behind the other. At one stage a group of some 200 Olympic supporters carried their flags to the other side of the ground to taunt the opposing supporters, singing and chanting for some five minutes before returning to their stronghold.

It was a sight for sore eyes and it was a shame there had to be a loser in a great game with an electric atmosphere.

Olympic, for the number of chances created during the second period, could and should have won the game, but those you miss don't come back so soon and in this instance they didn't. In fact after Vincente Estavillo was replaced Olympic's creativity was stifled.

For Croatia it was a night to remember.

Zeljko Jurin put it ahead after 14 minutes with an opportunist goal. A cross by Graham Jennings was missed by the Olympic defence and Jurin pounced to toe the ball through the legs of one defender and past Gary Meier.

From that moment, the odds heavily favored Croatia, despite a temporary setback in the 24th when Chris Kalantzis replied by pushing the ball through the legs of a Croatia defender to equalise.

Marsha Soper was the unlikely hero for Croatia. A Wally Savor corner was

Man of the match
ZELJKO JURIN
(S Croatia)

brilliantly headed by Soper past Meier to give Croatia the lead in the 30th minute which stunned Olympic. In fact Olympic failed to recover for the next 15 minutes with Croatia having a couple of other chances before the break.

Then came Olympic's onslaught during the second period.

Monaro fights back, Eagles miss penalty

Inter-Monaro 4 Melita Eagles 2

Ground: St George Stadium. Referee: Ken Small 9. Cautions: Williams, Ambrosino.

Scorers: 0-1, Meerbani (13th), 0-2 Wilson (52nd), 1-2 Walsh (57th), 2-2 Giampaolo (63rd), 3-2 Giampaolo (97th), 4-2 (Carbone 103rd).

Melita Eagles led 2-0 after almost an hour and looked set for an easy win. Then came an incredible shot by John Walsh which narrowed the difference to one goal before Sebastian Giampaolo chimed in with two goals and an "assist" to turn the tide.

The State League grand final winners looked in good touch as they stormed forward during the opening half, suggesting that a place in the final would be a mere formality.

Following Biro Sertbas' cross, converted with a brilliant header by Jemal Meerbani, the visitors from Queenbeyan looked anything but a chance.

Melita continued to play well and went further ahead seven minutes into the second half. This time it came after a series of shots had been fired at Inter's goal. As the ball was cleared, Williams conceded a free kick on the left. Sertbas took the free kick and Ken Wilson, with yet another diving header, gave Antonopoulos no chance to make it 2-0.

Five minutes later John Walsh took off from the half line and with most players expecting the tall midfielder to pass, he elected to shoot when about 27 metres out. It rocketed past Pupovac, clearing the cobwebs at the joint of crossbar and the upright.

For Sebastian Giampaolo that was the signal to do his thing. With new-found enthusiasm, the Ampol Cup to goalgetter found enough space to sneak inside the area, face Pupovac, then run around the tall custodian before chipping his shot high into the roof of the net.

It was a superb finishing from a classy player.

Melita looked sluggish for the rest of the second half and only some resolute defending by Ken Wilson saved the day. Then came extra time, with

The ball was cleared off the line repeatedly with Croatia defending at times with 11 players. Olympic was awesome and looked set to swamp Croatia. It seemed to be only a matter of time before a goal was scored.

It was. But the goal came at the other end!

Shane Clinch ran 40 metres to the back line before crossing for Graham Arnold some four to five metres from goal. Arnold tried to trap it but the bouncing ball ran away! He managed to retrieve it but this time Meier was blocking the shot. The ball ran to Jurin who picked his spot and smacked the ball with his right foot just under the crossbar.

Man of the match:
SEB GIAMPAOLO
(Inter-Monaro)

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| Wally SAVOR | Zarko ODZAKOV | Shane CLINCH | Emil DRAGICEVIC |
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INTER-MONARO 4 (Walsh 57th, Giampaolo 63rd & 97th, Carbone 103rd) MELITA EAGLES 2 (Meerbani 13th, Wilson 52nd) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 10115. Referee: Ken Small 9.

INTER-MONARO: Antonopoulos 8 — Tuilawa 7, Budini 8, Ambrosino 7, Williams 6 — Walsh 8, Carbone 8, Wotherspoon 5 (Perinovic 58th) — Trajanovski 6 (Dachs 90th), Winn 4, Giampaolo 9.

MELITA-EAGLES: Pupovac 6 — Williams 5, Wilson 8, McAusland 6, H Tredinnick 6 — Stone 6, Farrugia 8, Sertbas 7 — Farnsworth 7, Vial 5, Meerbani 6 (Dolton 67th).

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CROATIA: Watson 9 — Rezo 7, Rozic 7, Kovacic 7, Jennings 7 — Savor 6, Clinch 7, Odzakovic 7 — Jurin 9, Arnold 5, Dragicevic 6 (Kero 88th).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 8 — Phillips 7, Dakos 8, Stankovic 7, Lambropoulos 6 — Raskopoulos 5, Johnstone 5 (Stevenson 35th - 5), Estavillo 6 (Burke 66th) — Brandt 6, Soper 6, Kalantzis 6.



Sebastian Giampaolo (right), top scorer of the Ampol Cup.



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Wanderers 3 Carcioffi Rangers 11

Scorers: M. Gargano, G. Mardeg, I. Muradori (W); S. Sella 6, M. Gattino 2, A. Tochetto, I. Stocco, Dalcassello (CR).
WANDERERS: M. Gargano 8, P. Papanastasiou 5, G. Mardegan 7, I. Murador 6, P. Diplacido 8.
CARCIOFFI RANGERS: D. Cesarin 8, S. Sella 10, Dalcassello 8, A. Tochetto 8, M. Gattino 9, I. Stocco 8.

From the beginning of the game S. Sella made his presence felt with a number of blistering shots. Seconds followed and he scored his first goal. By the fourth minute, I. Murador had pegged it back to 1-1. Then came another goal for Wanderers by Mardegan who hammered in a brilliantly executed shot.

Wanderer's third and what was to be their final goal came after some fine foot work from M. Gargano. The goal was disputed by the Carcioffi players who said it was scored within the area. As the game progressed M. Gattino placed a brilliant pass to the already through A. Tochetto whose

Wanderers sent packing, Eideh in sparkling form

final shot just skimmed past the bottom upright.

After eight minutes Silvio Sella again made his presence felt with a well taken pass from I. Stocco, shooting into the bottom right hand corner giving Diplacido no chance.

Seconds later Diplacido made two beautiful acrobatic saves. Then a Sella left foot drive flew toward goal but again the goalie saved.

Moments later Tochetto scored from a corner by Gattino. Sella's hunger for goals again saw him hit a shot into the top right corner giving him a total of three goals.

In the 14th minute, a solo run by Sella got him into a one-on-one with the goalie only to be beaten by another save by Diplacido.

Gattino's first goal came after he ran from behind Papanastasiou and planted a right footer into the roof of the net.

With a minute to go before the end of the first half Sella again found himself clear with an easy goal in reach. A corner given after a desperate attempt to save another of Sella's kicks saw I. Stocco ghosting in from behind to score Carcioffi's seventh goal.

The beginning of the second half saw Mardegan take a good pass from M. Gargano and bring a five save from Rangers' keeper Cesarin.

Silvio Sella intercepted a pass from Tochetto and again placed a good shot past the keeper.

Murador from Wanderers, well into his own half, hit a thunderous shot which saw goalie Cesarin equally brilliant with a save. Shortly after Cesarin was helped by his defence in clearing a shot by Papanastasiou.

Wanderers had not given up. They tried two more attempts, the first saved by Cesarin and the second, a goalward bound shot by I. Murador,

saved by Gattino.

Stocco's shot at goal came from a corner which saw his shot slide past Diplacido.

Man of the match Sella played a brilliant one - two with Gattino and then fed Dalcassello, who had just come on and with his first touch he scored.

At this point the score was 9-3 and the poor Wanderers goalkeeper was worried as to where the next goal would come from, and come it did, from a shot by Gattino. The very dominant Sella again rifled a left foot shot home after a Sella-Gattino combination, to complete the scoreline.

Furious Five 5

Vasco de Gama 2

Scorers: M. Tenace 3, T. Galatopoulos, M. Eideh (FF); V. Tanevski, H. Stergiou (VG).
FURIOUS FIVE: H. Eideh 8, M. Ei-

deh 9, T. Galatopoulos, M. Panagiotou 8, M. Tenace 9.
VASCO DE GAMA: K. Sokolovski 9, V. Tanevski 8, H. Stergiou 7, C. Tutsulus 7, C. Tanevski 7.

The game started off very evenly with both sides having many shots in the first half but both goalkeepers were on their toes and prevented an avalanche of goals.

The first goal came about through an intercepted ball by V. Tanevski caused by a bad back pass by M. Eideh to his keeper. M. Eideh's made up for this mistake.

In the 12th minute, after a fine display of individual skills, M. Eideh passed the ball to Galatopoulos who had no difficulties beating Vasco's goalie Sokolovski.

The second half began with M. Eideh (who plays for the Preston National League) dominating play. He scored a goal and speared inch perfect passes to M. Tenace to give him a hat-trick for the Furious Five. Late in the game a quick burst from H. Stergiou gave Vasco its second and final goal.

PRESTON LEAGUE

The Preston Indoor Soccer League kicks off for its third season this Friday night and if the last two weeks of practice games are any indication, the scene is set for another exciting

Watch out for the Black Devils!

Essendon City Triestina, the Black Devils, were formed for the summer competition at the Thomastown centre and while that tournament was coming to an end, the boys decided to enter

the Sunshine competition with the final to be held on April 16.

The Black Devils have already reached the finals, after winning eight games and drawn one. Only two weeks ago, the Devils were facing probably the hardest team in the game, the Croatian Raiders a team of U 18

ing season.

Preston Macedonia has entered two teams in the youth competition and one in the all-

Australian Indoor Soccer champions. After four minutes the Croatians were 1-0 up, but the Devils never let up and Severino, near the end of the first half, equalised with a powerful left foot drive.

The second half was a do or die affair. John Lo Grasso in goals distinguished himself with two great saves from close

age group this season.

Surprisingly, it is the all-age Macedonia team that has been most successful. Two weeks ago

range and with two minutes to go John Sorani slotted the balls into the net to give the Black Devils a well-earned win.

Now, with a lead of eight points in the league, the Triestina boys are looking forward to a great finals series and to taking home the winners' trophy.

it played Eurona-tions, last season's grand finalist, and controlled the game all night with solid defence and attacking forward moves. Makedonia won 2-1. Kondinski and Frangou scored for Makedonia while Mahlis scored for Eurona-tions.

Eurona-tions are somewhat disorganised at the moment and there are doubts over the fitness of last season's best and

fairest player, Terry Frangakis, but they should improve as the season progresses.

Mutundies moved from junior ranks to tackle Goodonya, a new entrant in the competition and although they went down, the young team showed plenty of control in putting together an attacking brand of football. Had goalkeeper Molini been aware of some of the finer points of

the indoor game the Mutundies may have got a better result. A free kick against Molini for moving out of the goal area resulted in the winning goal by Goodonya. Isomos scored two goals for Goodonya and Gancos a goal for Mutundies.

A great season is in the making and any teams wishing to make enquiries about Indoor Soccer should contact Wayne Pollock (817 3796) or Dean Poropat (480 3963).

THE MAN IN BLACK

This week the spotlight falls on one of the men in black — referee Alexis Mario Sacchero (pictured).

Indoor Soccer does not boast a great number of referees, but one man who is always there when needed either in local, country or interstate competition is Mr Sacchero, in Australia for only 10 years. He comes from Argentina.

Alexis has had a varied career, having refereed in Argentina for 14 years and before that he played as a goalkeeper for 25 years.

He joined the Australian Referees Association in the Industrial League in 1985. Before that he had a short stint with Inter City soccer club. 1985 also saw him join the indoor boom as a referee.

Like most referees Alex's aim is to graduate to Saturday games and eventually National League games with a long term aim of international refereeing, but Alex admits that's a long way off.

Alex really enjoys his refereeing and gets most

annoyed with players who question his decisions when in most cases it is the player who does not know the rules. He asserts that the referee is almost always right and should know the rules or else should not be doing the job.

Talking about his most trying encounter, he speaks of competition both in Morwell and Adelaide where, due to a lack of referees, he had to oblige by refereeing for long stretches, even for 11 hours. But not being one to complain, he said:

"I welcomed the experience because the competition was of a higher standard than at normal centres."

"I was very impressed with the standard and competitiveness and skill that the ladies produced, especially in the Australian championships," said Alex, who, incidentally, is single.

Alex suggests that anyone interested in refereeing should have a go, especially in Indoor Soccer, as there are many personal benefits.



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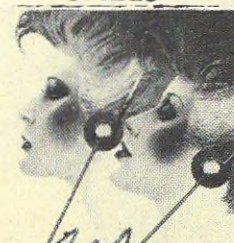
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TUITION

Greg House, Russell Athersych, Bill Whiteside, Gary Hobson, Michael Bissinger, Martin Wilde and John Tones all could be wearing Springvale City's colors this year.

Whiteside already has been signed for \$1000 from Croydon, Athersych has agreed terms and only is waiting to be granted a visa to enable him to return from England while Hobson was expected to be signed from Fawkner for \$2500 as we went to press. Bissinger and Wilde are holidaying in Queensland. They should return next week.

Athersych has played with Morwell Falcons for the past two seasons. He returned to England upon the expiry of his contract with Falcons and Springvale has been monitoring his movements ever since. Springvale confirmed with Soccer House that Athersych was a free player before stepping in and signing the talented striker.

House has agreed terms with Springvale but Knox, the club from which he joined Melbourne Croatia early last year, has thrown a spanner in the works. Knox claims that it has an agreement stating that when House leaves Croatia it has first option on his services. It wants Croatia to transfer House to Knox which can then put a transfer fee on his head and get money from Springvale. Croatia contests Knox's view and Croatia team manager Frank Burin met with VSF secretary George Wallace recently to thrash out the matter. Croatia and Springvale already have reached agreement over a transfer fee for House.

Tones, 35, is a centre half formerly on the books of English clubs Sunderland and Arsenal. He walked into Ross Reserve a few weeks ago and asked for a trial. He impressed in friendly games but Frankston Pines coach Dan-



● Russell Athersych, watched closely by Steve McClelland (left) of Green Gully.

Everyone's off to Springvale

ny McMinimee invited Tones to training last week. Tones accepted the invitation which hasn't endeared him to a couple of people at Springvale so it's uncertain as to whether or not the Vales will sign him.

Springvale also made a determined bid to sign Effie Cassar but the little winger agreed terms with Morwell Falcons last week. I believe that Cassar received \$3000 signing-on fee in his new contract with Falcons, the club which told former coach Jimmy Dunne by letter that "it was unanimously decided to cut back on signing-on fees for players which, of course, means that we will be losing some." Dunne, of course, responded by resigning. I also understand that stopper Emil Bruns came to terms with Falcons recently, for a signing-on fee similar to Cassar's.

Springvale stopper John

Luyten hadn't joined Ringwood United Serbia as we went to press but was expected to do so, former Springvale player-coach Ian Greener could join Waverley, midfielder Davie Luca was expected to join either Dandenong City or Waverley, while left back Tom Fitzpatrick is on a free.

Former Springvale player Mike McIvor returned to the club and trained recently but he too is on the look-out for another club.

Springvale has received two setbacks in the past week. Keith Humble, 23, had knee reconstruction surgery last week and won't play this year, while a freak accident at training last Sunday could force goalkeeper Perry Mur, 26, out of soccer completely. Mur snapped ligaments in an ankle when taking a tumble after being struck on the leg by the ball.

Northcote debt a worry

Northcote will start the Victorian State League season with no new players, a reported debt of \$60,000, a newcomer to State League coaching circles in Peri Scamangas, a new committee and a first team line-up without star midfielder Mark Wilson, who has joined St Albans Dinamo.

Northcote sweeper Gary Cutler was married recently and is on his honeymoon. If he reads this story he may decide not to return.

Northcote's main aim this season will be to reduce its debt. Most of last year's first teamers have re-signed but the club still was negotiating with Arthur Patinotis as we went to press.

Macleod: \$1750



● The VSF tribunal last week reduced Frank Macleod's transfer fee from \$3000 to \$1750, making the experienced stopper a bargain buy.

Macleod (pictured) a former Albion player, has been with Fawkner for the past two seasons. He was named in "Soccer Action's" State League Team of the Year in 1983.

Macleod can be contacted at home on 311 7118.



Victorian round-up with CRAIG MACKENZIE



● Box Hill, after winning the 1985 State League Cup, from left, standing: Tom Newbiggen, (assist coach), Alan Roodhouse, Ian Roodhouse, Gary McPhee, Dean Hennessy, John McKinlay, David Azzopardi, Craig Davidson, Keith Webster (coach). Front: Pedro Ramos, David Brooks, Darryn White, Andy Hughes, Andy Humble, Phil Griffin.

Problems aside, it may be Box Hill's year

"ANDY Higgins stuffed us around for three months. That was precious time as far as Box Hill was concerned. But after looking at him (Higgins) in the Buffalo Cup I'm not that worried that we didn't sign him. The only thing that annoys me is that we've now got to start working all over again to get a visa player and we won't get one in

time for the start of the league season."

That was the reaction of Box Hill coach Keith Webster when asked about his club's failure to sign Higgins, now on Heidelberg's books.

"Higgins told Martin Hopper and Anna McPhee (Box Hill officials) late last year that he'd signed the contract we'd sent him and posted it back to us.

We didn't receive it so we set up a second contract and arranged through a contract in South Africa for Higgins to meet him and sign it. The contact phoned us and told us that Higgins didn't turn up at the meeting and had informed him that he'd signed for Heidelberg," Webster added.

McPhee, a lady who doesn't mind her words, already has spoken to Higgins and let her feelings quite clearly be known.

Nevertheless, Box Hill emerged from the Buffalo Cup full of confidence about the coming league campaign.

"I expect to finish in the top three at least. In fact, I'm confident that this could be our year," said Webster.

But what will he do if Peter Verechia and Andy Hughes, yet to sign new contracts, leave Box Hill?

"We haven't got a major problem with either player. We haven't come to terms with

● Polonia's Janusz Przybyla is tackled by Steve Beech of Croydon.

Peter so the ball's now in his court. It's up to him to find another club if he wants to. If he wants to stay at Box Hill he's more than welcome. As for Andy, the same applies. They're both good players and they'd both do well for Box Hill this year, if they want to."

So what were the most positive aspects of Box Hill's Buffalo Cup sortie?

"The fact that against better quality sides we competed well and didn't stand around our own area being negative.

"John McKinlay, of course, was a big plus, Andy McMillan too, especially once we got going. Dean Hennessy's consistency in midfield was another bonus and Pedro Ramos, who is one of the finest midfielders around, started off well although his form was a bit indifferent in the last two games.

"Phil Griffin showed what a great finisher he is and David Azzopardi did well in the last couple of games."

Barry Burton, signed from Ringwood Wilhelmina, is Box Hill's only new player to date but if Verechia leaves, Webster will be on the hunt for a target man to take pressure off Griffin.

Brian Keenan and Darryn White both are recovering from operations and won't be back in action for some time.

One surprise Webster may spring is playing midfielder Chris Taylor as sweeper. Taylor impressed in that role in a recent friendly match and is working very hard at training.

TUFFIELD'S BACK

Fawknor was expected to make a decision on whether or not to sign experienced Northern Irish midfielder Davie Nixon as we went to press.

Nixon's countryman, Roy Welsh, a centre half formerly on the books of Manchester United, Swindon Town, Glenfortran and Linfield, is expected to join Fawknor within a fortnight.

The Kevin Lloyd deal appears to be off. Juventus is holding firm on its \$5000 asking price and Fawknor is unable to pay that much and come to terms with Lloyd at the same time. St Albans Dinamo also was chasing Lloyd.

Nevertheless, Fawknor is well off up front. Ian Tuffield returned from the U.S. last weekend while Joe Palinkas and Bruno Cozzella are back in full training.

Cesare Fattore re-signed with Fawknor last week but the club still can't reach agree-



● Peter Boyle

ment with Preston Makedonia over goalkeeper Richard Wilson's transfer fee. Fawknor's number one custodian last season, Rob Terzini, is holidaying overseas and recovering from a shoulder injury. He isn't expected to return until midway through the 1986 season.

Fawknor coach Peter Boyle is keen to join Keilor Austria as a player.

The finals of the Fawknor Cup will be held at Smith Reserve this Sunday. The play-off for third place kicks off at 2pm with the final starting at 4pm. The competing teams are: Fawknor, Sunbury, Northcote, Essendon, Triestina, Polonia, Caulfield, Thomastown and Broadmeadows.

AMATEUR CUPS

The draw for the Amateur League Reserve Cup and the Amateur League Cup is to be played on Sunday April 6. Reserve Cup will kick off at 1pm and the first team at 3pm.

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Caulfield trounces Polonia

A few weeks ago in "Soccer Action" Kaz Kulak, new coach of Victorian State League side Polonia, spoke enthusiastically about his team's chances of winning the championship. In Kulak's favor, it must be said that at the time he didn't envisage Rick Lipiarski, Dave Gibson, Janusz Przybyla, Leszek Dzie-lakowski, John Little, Claude Avian, Darko Kolaric and Sam Deluca being in dispute with the club over contracts and 1985 Player of the Year Kevin Innes wanting to join George Cross.

Phew! At this rate, Polonia can look forward to finishing in the bottom four rather than the top four.

What's going on at Polonia? Peter and Greg Czapnik, Savas Saglaam, Mirek Welch and John Vathis all were transfer listed late last year. Now, they're all back.

Most of them played for Polonia recently in the Fawknor Cup against newly promoted State League club Caulfield City. Polonia was humbled 3-0.

To say that Polonia of today is a far cry from the Polonia of 1984 and 1985 is a massive understatement. No doubt the Polish community hopes that the club can get its act together and quickly. It has to. The State League season kicks off later this month.

Right now I wouldn't be in Kulak's shoes for all the kranski in Krakow.

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Oltre a vincere il campionato (cosa che non succedeva da 15 anni) il comitato ha dimostrato ampiamente anche una grande serietà, un'ottima organizzazione amministrativa e idee chiare.

Era lecito quindi aspettarsi che per l'inizio del campionato di quest'anno il numero dei soci sarebbe salito ad almeno diverse centinaia; non solo per il derivante beneficio finanziario, ma anche e soprattutto a dimostrazione che gli italiani di Melbourne veramente vogliono una grande squadra ed una grande club nella massima divisione della Lega Nazionale.

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Junior players join Kouros

Sydney Olympic Soccer Club, in conjunction with Westfield and a host of other sponsors, join forces to "Walk towards the Future" — one of the most ambitious fund-raising exercises yet undertaken by a soccer club in Australia.

On Sunday at Westfield Burwood, Yiannis Kouros and Cliff Young, stars of the 1986 Westfield Run, will join hundreds of young junior soccer players and the players of Sydney Olympic on a 10 km walk from Burwood to Henson Park.

All players, managers, and coaches walking will receive T-Shirts especially printed for the occasion. They will be raising money not only for Sydney Olympic, but for their own clubs as well.

At the conclusion of a walk, a giant bar-b-que will be held for all completing the walk. In addition, season passes will be given away and walkers will have the opportunity to have their photos taken with Kouros, Young and the stars of Sydney Olympic Soccer Club. The walk starts at 11am.

On Saturday Kouros and Young will be on centre stage at Westfield Burwood along with the Sydney Olympic players to help register youngsters interested in walking. Adding to the occasion will be a traditional Greek Dance group, as well as Greek posters and flags from the Greek Consulate.

Krncevic cuts loose

• Veteran striker Bruno Pruzzo put in a late bid for inclusion in Italy's World Cup Finals squad by scoring five goals as Roma demolished



• Eddie Krncevic

Avellino 5-1 in an Italian League Series A game.

• Zico confirmed his return to fitness by notching a hat trick for Flamengo, which recorded a stunning 4-1 victory over its great Rio rival Fluminense.

• Rudi Voller, a key man in West Germany's World Cup squad, may be forced to miss the finals through a groin injury sustained last November, which now requires an operation.

• Ex-Socceroo Eddie Krncevic hit his first hat trick in Belgian soccer when Cercle Bruges beat Lierse 4-1. The result enabled Cercle to climb into ninth place, its highest position this season in First Division.

• Michel Hidalgo, the former French national team coach, has confirmed that he will guide Olympique Marseilles next season. Olympique also has appointed Hidalgo a director. He and industrialist Bernard Forte (who has put \$5,000,000 into the club) will be the majority shareholders.

— PAUL MOON

FARINA GUEST BACK HOME

Socceroo winger Frank Farina is to return to where his career started. The Hakoah striker has been invited to play three guest games in North Queensland during Lions' Fosters Queensland Country tour.

The 22-year-old Farina will play for the far North Queensland representative side against Lions in Cairns tomorrow (Thursday), and in Mareeba on Saturday. He then will turn out for a team called the Brothers Invitation XI against Lions in Townsville on Monday.

Farina, from Cairns, played much of his junior soccer with big local club Edge Hill. He then switched to Mareeba United which played in the now defunct Queensland State League.

While the return of their favorite soccer son will be welcomed by the Cairns and Mareeba fans, Farina may not greet some officials so readily.

It was Mareeba United which demanded a \$10,000 transfer for Farina, despite him appearing only three times for the club, when he decided to switch from the Australian Institute of Sport to Canberra City.

RICKY ROSSO

OVERSEAS RESULTS

| GREECE | |
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| Larisa 2 AEK 0, Yannis 1 Panionios | |
| 1. Panseirakos 2 Doxa 0, Aris 2 Panachaiki 0 | |
| 2. Panathinaikos 5 Paok 0, OFI 0 Apollon Athens 0, Ethnikos 1 Apollon Kalamarias 1, Iraklis 3 Olympiakos 1 | |
| W D L F A P | |
| Panathinaikos | 15 4 3 46 20 34 |
| Iraklis | 11 7 4 27 14 29 |
| Aris | 10 9 3 29 18 29 |
| Panionios | 11 5 6 32 24 27 |
| AEK | 10 6 6 29 20 26 |
| OFI | 11 4 7 28 21 26 |

| WEST GERMANY | |
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| Bochum 1 Bayer Leverkusen 1, Cologne 2 Stuttgart 1, Eintracht Frankfurt 2 Borussia Dortmund 1, Fortuna Dueseldorf 2 Borussia Moenchengladbach 1, Nuremberg 0 Bayern Munich 1, Saarbrücken 2 Hannover 1, Waldhof Mannheim 1 Werder Bremen 1 | |
| W D L F A P | |
| Werder Bremen | 14 8 3 37 36 39 |
| Bayern Munich | 16 4 5 54 25 36 |
| Moenchengladbach | 13 7 4 53 33 33 |
| Bayer Leverkusen | 10 8 6 47 34 28 |
| Hamburg | 11 4 8 35 23 26 |
| Stuttgart | 9 6 9 42 37 24 |
| Wald Mannheim | 8 7 7 31 26 23 |
| Frankfurt | 6 11 7 27 35 23 |
| Bayer Verding | 9 5 8 33 49 23 |
| Bochum | 10 2 10 42 36 22 |
| Cologne | 6 8 9 34 42 20 |
| Dortmund | 7 6 11 36 47 20 |
| Schalke | 7 5 10 34 35 19 |
| Kaiserslautern | 6 7 10 34 35 19 |
| Nuremberg | 5 13 34 40 19 |
| Saarbrücken | 5 8 11 31 45 18 |
| Dueseldorf | 7 4 14 37 57 18 |
| Hannover | 5 4 14 35 71 14 |

| ITALY | |
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| Come 1 Avellino 1, Fiorentina 0 Atalanta 0, Juventus 2 Udinese 1, Lecce 1 Bari 1, Milan 1 Verona 1, Napoli 3 Torino 1, Roma 3 Internazionale 1, Sampdoria 3 Pisa 0 | |
| W D L F A P | |
| Juventus | 15 7 1 36 9 37 |
| Roma | 15 3 5 38 18 33 |
| Napoli | 9 10 4 26 17 28 |
| Milan | 9 10 5 21 18 26 |
| Torino | 8 9 6 24 19 25 |
| Internazionale | 9 7 7 30 27 25 |
| Fiorentina | 6 12 5 22 17 24 |
| Sampdoria | 7 8 8 25 19 22 |
| Verona | 7 8 8 22 29 22 |

| SPAIN | |
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| Last Palmas 2 Cadiz 2, Barcelona 4 Real Valladolid 0, Hercules 0 Real Madrid 3, Sevilla 2 Celta 1, Osasuna 1 Real Sociedad 2, Atletico Madrid 2 Real Betis 1, Real Zaragoza 2 Valencia 1, Racing 2 Espanol 2 | |
| W D L F A P | |
| Barcelona | 12 12 0 39 14 36 |
| Real Madrid | 13 10 0 33 10 36 |
| Samsunspor | 11 8 5 38 19 30 |
| Sariyer | 9 10 5 23 16 28 |
| Fenerbahce | 8 12 3 23 19 28 |
| Trabzonspor | 9 9 6 21 12 27 |
| Eskisehirspor | 11 4 9 42 33 26 |
| Genclergirisigi | 8 10 5 29 31 26 |
| Ankaragucu | 9 7 7 30 28 25 |
| Malatyaspor | 7 8 8 32 30 22 |

| TURKEY | |
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| Galatasaray 0 Fenerbahce 0, Besiktas 2 Sariyer 0, Zonguldakspor 0 Samsunspor 1, Eskisehirspor 4 Kayserispor 0, Orduspor 0 Genclerbirliigi 1, Rizespor 1 Malatyaspor 0, Bursaspor 1 Kocaelispor 0, Trabzonspor 0 Altay 0, Sakaryaspor 3 Denizlispor 1 | |
| W D L F A P | |
| Galatasaray | 12 12 0 39 14 36 |
| Besiktas | 13 10 0 33 10 36 |
| Samsunspor | 11 8 5 38 19 30 |
| Sariyer | 9 10 5 23 16 28 |
| Fenerbahce | 8 12 3 23 19 28 |
| Trabzonspor | 9 9 6 21 12 27 |
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| Ankaragucu | 9 7 7 30 28 25 |
| Malatyaspor | 7 8 8 32 30 22 |

| ISRAEL | |
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| Shimshon 1 Bnei Yehuda 0, Maccabi Shaaraim 1 Maccabi Netanya 1, Hapoel Kfar Sava 0 Hapoel Beersheba 0, Bnei Yehuda 2 Maccabi Haifa 1, Maccabi Petah Tikva 3 Hapoel Petah Tikva 2, Hapoel Haifa 2 Hapoel Jerusalem 1, Maccabi Jaffa 1 Maccabi Yavne 1, Hapoel Tel Aviv 0 Maccabi Tel Aviv 0 | |
| W D L F A P | |
| Shimshon | 17 3 2 44 8 37 |
| Porto | 17 3 2 44 8 37 |
| Sporting | 15 5 3 49 15 35 |
| Guimaraes | 13 7 3 41 20 33 |

| PORTUGAL | |
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| Guimaraes 5 Braga 3, Porto 5 Belenenses 0, Boavista 2 Sporting 1, Benfica 2 Penafiel 0, Portimonense 2 Salgueiros 0, Covilha 2 Aves 0, Setubal 0 Chaves 1 | |
| W D L F A P | |
| Benfica | 17 3 2 44 8 37 |
| Porto | 17 3 2 44 8 37 |
| Sporting | 15 5 3 49 15 35 |
| Guimaraes | 13 7 3 41 20 33 |

| BULGARIA | |
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| Vitosha 6 Dounav 1, Beroe 1 Sredets 0, Trakia 6 Vratsa 1, Slur 5 Lokomotiv Sofia 1, Spartak Plevna 1 Spartak Varna 1, Akademik 3 Chernomorec 0, Slavia 9 Lokomotiv Plovdiv 0, Pirin 1 Sliven 1 | |
| W D L F A P | |
| Beroe | 15 2 5 43 32 32 |
| Trakia | 13 5 4 67 29 31 |
| Slavia | 12 3 7 49 26 26 |

| POLAND | |
|---|-----------------|
| Legia Warsaw 1 GKS Katowice 0, Gornik Zabrze 5 Blask Wroclaw 0, Lechia Gdansk 1 Gornik Walbrzych 0, Zaglebie Sosnowiec 1 Motor Lublin 1, Ruch Chorzow 0 Stal Mielec 1, Pogon Szczecin 3 Baltyk Gdynia 0, Widzew Lodz 0 LKS Lodz 0, Lech Poznan 1 Zaglebie Lubin 1 | |
| W D L F A P | |
| Legia Warsaw | 12 4 3 39 20 28 |
| Widzew Lodz | 11 6 2 30 15 28 |
| Gornik Zabrze | 13 1 5 52 15 27 |
| Lech Poznan | 9 7 3 23 14 25 |
| Ruch Chorzow | 10 2 7 30 23 22 |

| HUNGARY | |
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| Bekescsaba 1 Ferencvaros 1, Budapest Honved 1 Raba Eto 0, Csepel 0 Ujpest Dozsa 0, Vasas 2 Budapest Város 2, Zalaegerszeg 2 Tatabanya 0, Siófok 0 Szombathely 0 MTK VM 2 Debrecen 1, Videoton 2 Pecs 0 | |
| W D L F A P | |
| Honved | 13 5 2 40 17 31 |
| Pecs | 10 5 5 28 16 25 |
| Zalaegerszeg | 7 9 4 35 25 23 |
| Videoton | 8 7 5 19 16 23 |
| MTK VM | 9 4 7 32 23 22 |

| FRANCE | |
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| Toulon 1 Nancy 0, Monaco 0 Marseilles 0, Toulouse 1 Lille 0, Rennes 2 Nice 0 | |
| W D L F A P | |
| Paris S-G | 19 9 2 58 25 47 |
| Nantes | 15 9 5 39 21 39 |
| Bordeaux | 15 9 5 42 33 39 |
| Monaco | 9 16 6 43 32 34 |
| Auxerre | 13 8 9 36 29 34 |
| Toulouse | 14 5 12 49 39 33 |
| Lens | 12 9 9 44 38 33 |
| Metz | 10 10 10 40 30 30 |
| Nancy | 13 4 14 40 40 30 |
| Nice | 10 10 11 30 38 30 |
| Laval | 9 11 10 32 36 29 |
| Toulon | 8 12 11 39 40 28 |
| Lille | 11 6 14 35 44 28 |
| Le Havre | 10 7 13 37 38 27 |
| Sochaux | 9 9 12 37 44 27 |
| Marseilles | 9 8 14 34 36 26 |
| Rennes | 10 6 14 30 36 26 |
| Brest | 9 7 13 35 47 25 |
| Strasbourg | 6 8 16 25 49 20 |
| Bastia | 5 9 16 25 55 19 |

| ENGLISH DIVISION ONE | |
|---|----------------|
| 2 Queen's Park Rangers 0, Everton 2 Aston Villa 0, Luton 1 Sheffield Wednesday 0, Manchester City 0 Oxford 3, Newcastle 1 Arsenal 0, Southampton 1 Manchester United 0, Tottenham 1 Liverpool 2 | |
| W D L F A P | |
| Dynamo Berlin | 9 4 2 27 17 22 |
| Dynamo Dresden | 7 6 2 26 19 20 |
| Lok Leipzig | 7 3 5 19 13 17 |
| Carl-Zeiss-Jena | 5 6 2 21 11 16 |
| Union Berlin | 6 4 5 21 18 16 |

| ENGLISH DIVISION TWO | |
|---|----------------|
| 2 Queen's Park Rangers 0, Everton 2 Aston Villa 0, Luton 1 Sheffield Wednesday 0, Manchester City 0 Oxford 3, Newcastle 1 Arsenal 0, Southampton 1 Manchester United 0, Tottenham 1 Liverpool 2 | |
| W D L F A P | |
| Dynamo Berlin | 9 4 2 27 17 22 |
| Dynamo Dresden | 7 6 2 26 19 20 |
| Lok Leipzig | 7 3 5 19 13 17 |
| Carl-Zeiss-Jena | 5 6 2 21 11 16 |
| Union Berlin | 6 4 5 21 18 16 |

| ENGLISH DIVISION THREE | |
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ΠΑΝΕΛΛΑΔΙΚΗ ΟΜΑΔΩΝ ΜΑΣ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ



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ΚΩΛΦΑΝΤ ΣΙΤΥ - ΘΕΝΙΚΟΣ

ΕΙΣΙΤΗΡΙΑ για την νέα σαιζόν έχει κυκλοφορήσει το Κώλφλντ που στο εξής θα λέγεται Θενικός.

Τα εισιτήρια κοστίζουν 50 δολάρια και ισχύουν για όλους τους αγώνες που θα δώσει ο σύλλογος στην έδρα του.

Οι φίλοι του συλλόγου μπορούν να τηλεφωνήσουν στον Γιώργο Ζαφειρόπουλο στο 578 5694 για περισσότερες πληροφορίες.

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ΑΡΧΙΣΕ από την περασμένη βδομάδα και συνεχίζεται το Κύπελλο που διοργανώνει ο Αρίωνας.

Στο τουρνουά μετέχουν οι ομάδες: Ανταγόρας, Αρίων, Ατρόμητος, Ξέρρες, Ανταγόρας Β', Τζάγκουαρ, Κλίφτον Χιλ (Ιθρηδες), Εμπασσ.

ΠΑΝΣΕΡΠΑΙΚΟΣ

Ο ΠΑΝΣΕΡΠΑΙΚΟΣ δίνει στις 15/3 τον πρώτο του χορό.

Στην προσωρινή διοίκηση του συλλόγου πρόεδρος είναι ο κ. Ιορδ. Παρτσιόγλου.

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ΣΤΟ ΝΒΟ Δ. Συμβούλιο του συλλόγου ΗΕΤ ΑΛΤΟΝΑ, πρόεδρος ανέλαβε ο κ. Γ. Παυλίδης.

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ΝΤΟΚΕΡΤΥ ΚΑΠ

ΣΤΙΣ 15 Μάρτη θα γίνει ο Α' γύρος με τη συμμετοχή και ομάδων του Στέητ Λήγκ του Κυπέλλου Ντόκερτυ.

Το ενδιαφέρον των Ελλήνων φιλάθλων θα είναι ασφαλώς στο γήπεδο του Γουάβερλντ (GARDINERS CREEK RESERVE, BURWOOD) όπου θα συναντηθούν το Κώλφλντ με το Ώκλη (1.15 μ.μ.) και θα ακολουθήσει η συνάντηση Η ΚΑΡΑΝΤΕΝΤΑ παίζει στο γήπεδο του Κρόντον (1.15 μ.μ.) με το Νοξ Σίτυ και ο ΗΡΑ ΚΛΗΣ στο γήπεδο του Μπόξ Χιλ (2ο παιχνίδι) με την τοπική ομάδα και γηπεδούχο.

ΠΡΩΤΑΘΛΗΜΑ ΕΛΛΑΔΑΣ 23η ΑΓΩΝΙΣΤΙΚΗ

Η 23η αγωνιστική ημέρα στο πρωτάθλημα Ελλάδας έχει ως εξής: (Σε παρένθεση είναι το αποτέλεσμα του Α' γύρου)

ΚΑΛΑΜΑΡΙΑ - ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ (1-0)
ΟΛΥΜΠΙΑΚΟΣ - ΣΕΡΡΕΣ (1-4)
ΠΑΝΑΧΑΙΚΗ - ΠΑΝΙΩΝΙΟΣ (0-2)
ΔΟΞΑ - ΠΑΝΑΘΗΝΑΙΚΟΣ (0-2)
ΠΑΟΚ - ΑΡΗΣ (1-3)
ΘΕΝΙΚΟΣ - ΟΦΗ (1-1)
ΑΠΟΛΛΩΝ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ - ΑΡΓΙΣΙΑ (0-3)
ΑΕΚ - ΓΙΑΝΝΙΝΑ (1-0)

ΝΙΚΗΣΕ ΤΟ ΣΠΡΙΝΚΒΑΙΗΛ

ΤΟ ΣΑΟΥΘ ΣΠΡΙΝΚΒΑΙΗΛ νίκησε για το Κύπελλο του Προβίζιοναλ 2-1 το Γκλεντντ και πέρασε στον επόμενο γύρο.

Η ΠΡΩΤΗ ΤΟΥ ΓΚΑΡΝΤΕΝ ΣΙΤΥ

ΕΓΙΝΕ την περασμένη Κυριακή η πρώτη συνάντηση των παικτών του Γκάρντεν Σίτυ. Οι παλαιμαχοί ποδοσφαιριστές συγκεντρώθηκαν στο γηπέδο του Πορτ Μέλμπουρν (Ν. Ελλάς) στο οποίο και θα αγωνίζονται. Κατά την διάρκεια της συνάντησης διοργάνωθηκε Μπάμπκενιου από τον πρόεδρο του Γκάρντεν Τάκη Σαυθόπουλο και τον πρώην πρόεδρο της Ν. Ελλάς Στήβ Κουράκη που είναι ένθερμος υποστηρικτής του συλλόγου. Οι παίκτες που έδωσαν το παρών είναι οι εξής: Αλζαρίδης, Ν. Αναστασιάδης, Γ. Αναστασιάδης, Μωρέλας, Καμπουρόπουλος, Αποστολόπουλος, Σβίγγος, Μήλιος, Βαλαβάνης, Λέρης, Κατής, Σαυθόπουλος, Βάθης και Λεβεντέλης. Την ομάδα θα πλαισιώσει και ο Μάρκος Κίκας.

Οι παίκτες που δεν έδωσαν το παρών στη συγκέντρωση διεγράφησαν από τον σύλλογο και μπορούν να πάρουν τα δελτία τους.

ΑΠΟΚΛΕΙΣΤΗΚΕ Η ΔΟΞΑ

Με 3-1 αποκλείστηκε η Δόξα από το Σπρινκβέηλ Γιουνάιτεντ.

Ο προπονητής της ελληνικής ομάδας Κώστας Καραπαναγιωτίδης δήλωσε στη στήλη: "Παίξαμε καλύτερα αλλά οι αντίπαλοι εί-

χαν την τύχη και την αποτελεσματικότητα στη συνάντησή".

ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΝΙΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΚΛΙΦΤΟΝ ΧΙΛ

ΤΟ ΚΛΙΦΤΟΝ Χιλ παίζοντας δυνατά στο γηπέδο του με το πολύ καλό Νορθ Τζηλδγκ της Β' κατηγορίας του Μετροπόλιταν, νίκησε με 3-1 και πήρε την πρόκριση για τον επόμενο γύρο του Κυπέλλου Βικτόριαν.

Οι κυανολεύκοι άνοιξαν το σκορ στο 5' μετά σέντρα του Στρατάκη και κεφαλιά του Πατσάκου και στο 10' ο Φάκος από κοντά έκανε το 2-0.

Στο 31' με φούλ το Νορθ Τζηλδγκ μελώσε σε 2-1.

Στην επανάληψη μοιράστηκε η υπεροχή από τις δύο ομάδες αλλά το Κλίφτον πέτυχε και τρίτο τέρμα με πέναλτυ (Ν. Τυρίκος) που κέρδισε ο Στρατάκης στο 69' του αγώνα.

Οι αντίπαλοι είχαν από ένα δοκάρι. Το Κλίφτον με τον Παπαγεωργίου στο 27' του Α' μέρους.

Η ελληνική ομάδα έπαιξε με τους: Κύργις Τσαμπούκο, Κουτσιάρα, Τυρίκος, Λορέντζι, Πατσάκος (82' Παπαγιαννιόπουλος) Γκιάλλη, Παπαγεωργίου, Μ. Θεοχαρίδης (75' Κιμ) Στρατάκη και Φάκος. Αρίστος ο ρεφερέ Μ. ΣΑΜΟΥΕΛ (ΙΟ) Όλοι οι παίκτες έδωσαν τον καλύτερο εαυτό τους για την νίκη.

ΑΣΙΑ Ο ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΣ ΣΤΟΝ ΤΕΛΙΚΟ

Ο ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΣ του Μπράιαν Γκάρβντ, η ομάδα που κανένας δεν υπελόγιζε όταν άρχισαν οι αγώνες του Μπάφαλο Καπ γιατί στην συνθεσή της έχει μικρά παιδιά και μάλιστα ελληνόπουλα, κατάφερε με το σπαθί της να φτάσει στον τελικό.

Δίκαια η νίκη πέρα για πέρα επί της πρωταθλήτριας Γιουβέντους θα έπρεπε να είχε έλθει πριν φτάσει ο Μέγας στα πέναλτυ. Οι νεαροί παίκτες του έχασαν ευκαιρίες τρανταχτές τόσο στον αγώνα όσο και στην παράταση.

Στον άλλο ημιτελικό η Κροατία μετά από αγώνα θρίλερ απέκλεισε (παράταση) την Τζ Κρος 3-2.

Το Σάββατο στο Ολύμπικ Παρκ θα γίνει ο τελικός ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΣ - ΚΡΟΑΤΙΑ.

JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

U finalu Buffalo Nocnog Kupa sastaju se drugi put uzastopce Melbourne Croatia i Heidelberg Alexander, zahvaljujući sportskoj sreći, koja je okrenula ledja George Crossu i Juventus, koji su ispalili tek u produžetku i na jedanaesterce. Mnogi su zaboravili da je prošle godine u finalu Nocnog Kupa, koje su monopolisali dva kluba, Heidelberg pregazio Croatiju sa 5:1.

Ove godine se takav rezultat tesko moze ponoviti, a ako se ponovi — moze biti samo u korist Melbourne Croatia, iako je prerano pocela da pokazuje znake umora.

Finalna utakmica igra se u subotu 8. marta na Olympic Parku. Pocinje u 8 uvece.

Za nas je vazna i predigra, jer se u juniorskom finalu za Nocni kup ispod 12 godina sastaju "Plavi" iz Springvale i Makedonija iz Prestona. Ovaj susret sigurno ce osvojiti srca ljubitelja fudbala, jer se radi o dva izuzetno talentovana sastava.

Juniorsko finale pocinje u 6.30 pm. na Olympic Parku.

prijateljske utakmice izmedju raznih tomova JUSTA i Preston Makedonije na Connor Reserve gledao je prilicno veliki broj. Oni, koji nisu dosli, mnogo su propustili, specijalno ako su JUSTOvi navijaci.

Ne pamti se kad je JUST Postigao tako visoku pobjedu kao puta Makedoniju sa 6:1 (5:0). Makedonija je igrala bez Ilioskog, Smitha i golmana Traianidisa, sto no opravdava ovako visok poraz.

Da je JUST dobro podmazao i usrafio JUSTOvu masinu pokazala je trening utakmica sa pojecanom altonom/Vojvodinom, koju su "Plavi" dobili sa 9:0 (5:0) prošlog cetvrtka uvece na svom igralistu. Vojvodina je neiskusna tim, koja se junacki borila i odoljevala paklenom pritisku "plave", navale, koja je atomski zracila. Dvocifrenu pobjedu i potpunu likvidaciju protivnika specio je trener Sekularac, posto je zamenio pola tima. Strelci za JUST: Oscar Latif 5, Vlada Stosic 3 i Ernie Tapai 1, dok su za Vojvodinu najbolje igrali golman Pavle Oravec, Paul Gallo i Dragoljub Jankovic.

protivu Makedoniju JUST je primenio slican pritisak sa 4 do 6 igrica u navali, kojim se prikliucio u nekoliko navrata i desni bek Lube Petrovski. Steta so se dva puta nije upisao u strelce, iako ih previse.

Zanimljivo je, da je JUST davao najmanje golova kada je igrao najbolje, a to je zadnjih 25 minuta. Odrbana Makedonije se tada pkacaja: sirp sa cep, mava; p. talp da bilo

mnogo dima ali manje opasnosti da se mreze zatrese.

Strelci za JUST: Oscar Latif 3, Pavle Simic, Vlada Stosic i Ernie Tapai. U zadnjem minutu Lane je postigao pocasni gol za Makedoniju posto je golman Zoran Vlainic bez potrebe napustio golmanski prostor.

"Plava" navala je potsecala na plovicu barutanu. Oscar Latif bio je pun dinamita, a oko njega su svetleli kao zapaljeni fitilji Lujic, Stosic i Tapai, tako da se odbrana Makedonija osecala kao na pucini punoj mina.

Trener Sekularac nije aplaudirao svojim momcima, vec ih je korio za najmanje greske. Izgleda da ce Seki vrlo brzo osposobiti JUST da zai-gra totalan fidal.

U srednjem redu bio je promeban Jimmy Demovski, bivsi JUSTov junior, najbolji igrac Western Suburbs u Nocnom kupu. Ivo dobro je obavio pasao, koji mu je poverio Sekularac.

I Makedonija je imala lepe prilike, a najljepsu je imao Mile Necovski u 33. minutu, kada se idealno probio, ali je oklevao i golman Zoran Nikitovic je hrabrom intervencijom otklonio opasnost.

Sastav Makedonije: Lee, Opasinis, Momirovski, Piculovski, Dobson, Campbell, Lane, van Edmond, Cole, Petrov, Necovski. Igrao je jos i Paul Kousas.

JUSTov sastav: Nikitovic (Vlainic), Karic, Petrovski, Dimovski (D. Janjic), Vukcevic (S. Janjic), Belic (R. Barjaktar- evic), Stosic, Tapai, Latif, Simic (Nedelkovski), Lujic.

U predigri su mladi timovi igrali nereseno 2:2 (1:1). Strelci: Michael Burka 2 za JUST, Goran Kojdovski i Tod Myles za Makedoniju.

Ispod 12 godina: Makedonija — JUST 9:1. Pocasni gol za "plave", koji su igrali sa sedam pocetnika, postigao je Robert Marinkovic.

Ispod 14 godina: JUST — Makedonija 2:0 (1:0). Oba gola postigao je Sasa Becvinovski, koji je sa golmanom Brankom Stojanovicem bio igrac utakmice.

Istog dana juniori Makedonije ispod 13 godina pobedili su u finalu Northern Regiona juniore Juventus sa 3:1. Strelci: Zdravko Trajkoski, Mick Angeloski i Elvic Dimitrijevi. Najbolji igraci: Elvis Dimitrijevi, Robert Petrovski i Zlatko Mitkovski.

GEELONG UTD — ALTONA

GATE/VARDAR 1:3 (0:1).

Zbog nevremena i loseg terena igra nije bila na visini. Pobjeda Albton Gate nije dolazila u pitanje ni jednog trenutka. Na prvi gol se cekalo do 28. minuta. Strelac je David Beattie, koji je dotle promasio dva "sitera". Ovog puta Mendo ristovski je tako namestio loptu da David nije mogao da promasi.

Posto je nastavio sa serijom promasanija, Beattie je u 68. minutu glavom povisio na 2:0, posto je Jimmy Kebakovski idealno centrirao.

Pre toga je Mendo Ristovski promasio penal, koji je "zaradio" Beattie.

U 84. minutu Gus figura je podigao na noge sve gledaoce kada je povisio na 3:0, posto je okrenuo dva igrica na kvadratnom metru i jakim suten izkosa, poste "karambola", postigao treci gol za Altonu Gate.

Uporni domacini su smanjili na 3:1 pred sam kraj utakmice.

Sastav Albton Gate: C. Barbakos, Z. Veljanovski, J. Dervisevski, J. Serovski, c. Talevski, L. Talevski, M. Ristovski, G. Figura, D. Beattie, J. Kebakovski, d. Mitrevski (B. Romanovski).

Altona Gate je vodio novi trener David Vid, koji je prošlog cetvrtka dosao iz Maryborough Polonije.

Najbolji igraci: Con Barbakos, Gus Figura i Jimmy Dervisevski.

U predigri je rezervna Albtona Gate u prijateljskom susretu pobedila Geelong sa 4:0 (2:0). Strelci: Zoran Dervisevski 3 i Slobodan Kitinovski.

RINGWOOD UTD/SRBILJA — MORELAND PAR RANGERS 6:1 (5:0). Sa strahom su igrici poceli ovaj susret, jer je protiv sebe imao dva tvrda ujedinejna skotska tima. Medjutim, protivnik se brzo raspao kao mehur od sapunice, jer je "Srbija" bila spremnija u svakom pogledu, narocito tehnicki, a imala je kondiciju na pretek.

Strelci: Zoran Lakić 3, Orham Demir, Pavle Jevtovic i autogol.

Sastav Ringwood/Srbije: A. Schille, M. Sedlarevic, S. Hall, A. Nelson, A. Gilmoure, P. Jevtovic (Lj. Bosancic od 60. minuta), C. Haupt, D. Shannon, Z. Lakić (M. Bjelogrić od 85. minuta), O. Demir, R. Erdeg.

Najbolji igraci: Zoran Lakić, Darren Shannon i Robert Erdeg.

Vredno je spomenuti da je uoci ove utakmice Ringwood/Srbija u prijateljskom susretu pobedila Richmond Allegmaniju sa 3:1 (3:0). Strelci: Robert Erdeg, Alex nelson i Orham Demir.

SPRINGVALE UTD (BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO) — YARRAVILLE 3:1 (1:0). "Plavi" su prvi put bacili na kolena starog rivala iz provincialne lige. Strelci: Milenko Culibrk u 5. i 79., i Danny Tarav u 58. minutu. Gosti su postigli jedini gol iz jedanaesterca u 74. minutu.

Bilo je jos dosta lepih prilika da "Plavi" povecaju pobjedu, ali golman Yarravilla je odlicno branio.

"PLAVI" sastav: Zoran Mandic, Djuro Sivec (George Kaim od 85. minuta), Mico Jankovic, Ilija Kerezovic, Stevan Janjic, Goran Veljovic, Danny Tarav (Zoran Djukic od 74. minuta), Zahid Tepic, Dragoslav Jelacic, Milenko Culibrk, Aleksandar Veleviski.

Najbolji igraci: Steven Janjic, Mico Jankovic i Milenko Culibrk.

Na turniru u Noble Parku, "PLAVI" iz Springvale su prošlog cetvrtka pobedili Springvale City "B" tim sa 3:2 (1:0). Strelci: Milenko Culibrk u 1., Zahid Tepic u 42. i Aleksandar Veleviski 87. minutu. U cetvrtak 6. marta "plavi" igraju odlucujuću utakmicu sa Springvale City "A" timom. Potrebna je pobjeda da bi se "plavi" plasirali u finale.

U cast novog trenera i novih igraca JUST priredjuje Sportsko vece za svoje clanove i navijace u subotu 8. marta, u hotelu Sydenham, 14 Elizabeth Street, Richmond. Zabava ce trajati od 7,30 uvece do 2 sata izjutra.

Uz odlican orkestar Mice Urosevica i zlatan glas Savete Jovanovic provescete nezaboravno vedce u drustvu svojih ljubimaca.

Williamstown/MLADOST — Northern Utd. 3:0 (1:0). Strelci: Autogol 8 26., Slobodan dimitrijevi u 67. i 79. minutu. Gosti nisu iskoristili jedanaesterac u u pocetku igre, dok je Mladost zadnjih 10 minuta igrala sa 10 igrica, jer je Dance Smurgrevski zaradio zuti u 72. i crveni karton u 80. minutu zbog ostre igre.

Rezultat je mogao biti veci, ali osim Slobodana Dimitrijevskego niko nije imao hrabrosti da sutira na gol, cak ni "Mrkela" od koga se lopta odbila kao od motke kada ga

je Dimitrijevi pronasao samog pred protivnicim golom u 84. minutu.

Dobro je sutirao i Marko Gvozdic, ali on je igrao samo zadnjih 20 minuta.

Sastav "Mladosti": Slobodan Bozinovski, Zdenko Jovic (Marko Gvozdic od 70. minuta), Zarko Stefanovic, Tome Dimovski, Mirko Bekker, Dance Smurgrevski, Nedeljko Mudrinic, Cane Trajkovski, Slobodan dimitrijevi, Branko Maric, Boris Sbrinovski.

Od prošlog cetvrtka "Mladost" trenira Joe Sabo, posto se Milos Adamovic zahvalio no duznosti zbog odlaska u Jugoslaviju.

Rezerva Mladosti plasirala se u drugo kolo posto se Ascot Vale City predao bez borbe.

FORREST HILL — ALTONA UTD/VOJVODINA 3:2 u produzetku igre, posto se u regularnom vremenu završila nereseno 1:1. Strelci za Altonu: Adam Miller i Paul Gallo iz slobodnog udarca.

Sastav Vojvodine: P. Oravec, Z. Jovanovski, V. Pitra, J. Sklenar, J. Vonja, V. Dupor, M. Cjepa (Bjego), A. Tresnjak, A. Miller, P. Gallo, D. Nikolas (G. Korozic).

GREENSBOROUGH — WANTIRNA 2:3 (2:1). Strelci: Frank Horvat u 25. i 55., Joe Hegedus u 87. minuta za Wantirnu.

Sastav Wantirne: Djula Balog, Vlado Horgos, Steve Babinski, Joe Hegedus, Lajos Banyai, Roman Petelinek (Nedjica Ciric od 80. minuta), Rank Erdedi (Ronald Henku od 75. minuta), Steve Derek, Frank Horvat, Steve Balog, Mick Woods.

Najbolji igraci: Frank Horvat, Roman Petelinek i Joe Hegedus.

PRAKMORE/PLAVI DUNAV — MONBULK 1:2 (0:1). Posle ravnojavnog igre, pobjednika je odlucio olako dosudjeni jedanaesterac minut pre kraja utakmice. Jedini gol za "Plavi Dunav" postigao je Joe Biro u 70. minutu, dok je toni Basa završio pre vremena u bolnici zbog prelama leve ruke.

Sastav Plavog Dunava: Danny Carpi, Adrian Muntena, Antis Ambrus, Mihajl Djamati, Tony Basa (Antus Varadi od 15. minuta), Joe Biro, Jani Palo, Hans Oudshoorn, Vasil Tanasicuk, Frank Varga (Mak-lasio od 35. minuta), Istvan Tot.

Smith's tough task

Tasmanian Scene
with WALTER PLESS

Juventus-Pioneer's new coach, David Smith, has taken on a task that many more experienced and wily coaches would have turned their backs on.

Juventus has won the Tasmanian Cadbury State League title for the past three years in a row so anything but a title win will be regarded as failure by the club's supporters.

Smith faces a difficult task, therefore, made even more demanding by the fact that the club has lost up to four top players.

State goalkeeper Steve Craven, who starred against the Soceroos last year, has moved to Townsville, while defender Warren Whisson has moved to Victoria.

Play-maker and executioner, former player-coach Ken Morton, has taken over at Olympia, while the league's leading scorer, John Broadhouse, has returned to England and it is not known for certain whether he will return.

Former star striker Bruce Ward is still not certain of making a comeback, so it looks as if Smith has quite a job on his hands. There are bright spots amid the storm clouds, however. Former star defender Leon Darko has returned after his premature retirement in 1984 — he retires regularly every two years and then comes back, even though he's still only 21 years old — and should slot in at fullback.

Smith himself is no mean player either and if he decides to play — something he has certainly not ruled out — he will be a real asset to the club.

And, the club has yet another promising batch of youngsters ready to make their senior debuts.

The club that produced Luciano Fabrizio (Brisbane City) and Angelo and Carlo Ambrosino (Inter-Monaro), now has the likes of Dominic and Marcus Longo, Billy Stanford and Matthew Gasparin in the senior training squad.

Lino Taglieri, a former midfielder-cum-defender with Rapid and University, has also been training with Juventus.

Smith coached Metro-Clairemont during the past two seasons and has had experience as a player in New South Wales and Western Australia, as well as with Rapid and Tasmania.

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HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER: standing, from left: Nicolaides, Ketsakidis, Christopoulos, Olver, Hunter, Higgins, Selemidis. Front: Tsolakis, Theocharou, Metaxas, Deligiannis, McKie, Marley, Tzinzis.

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